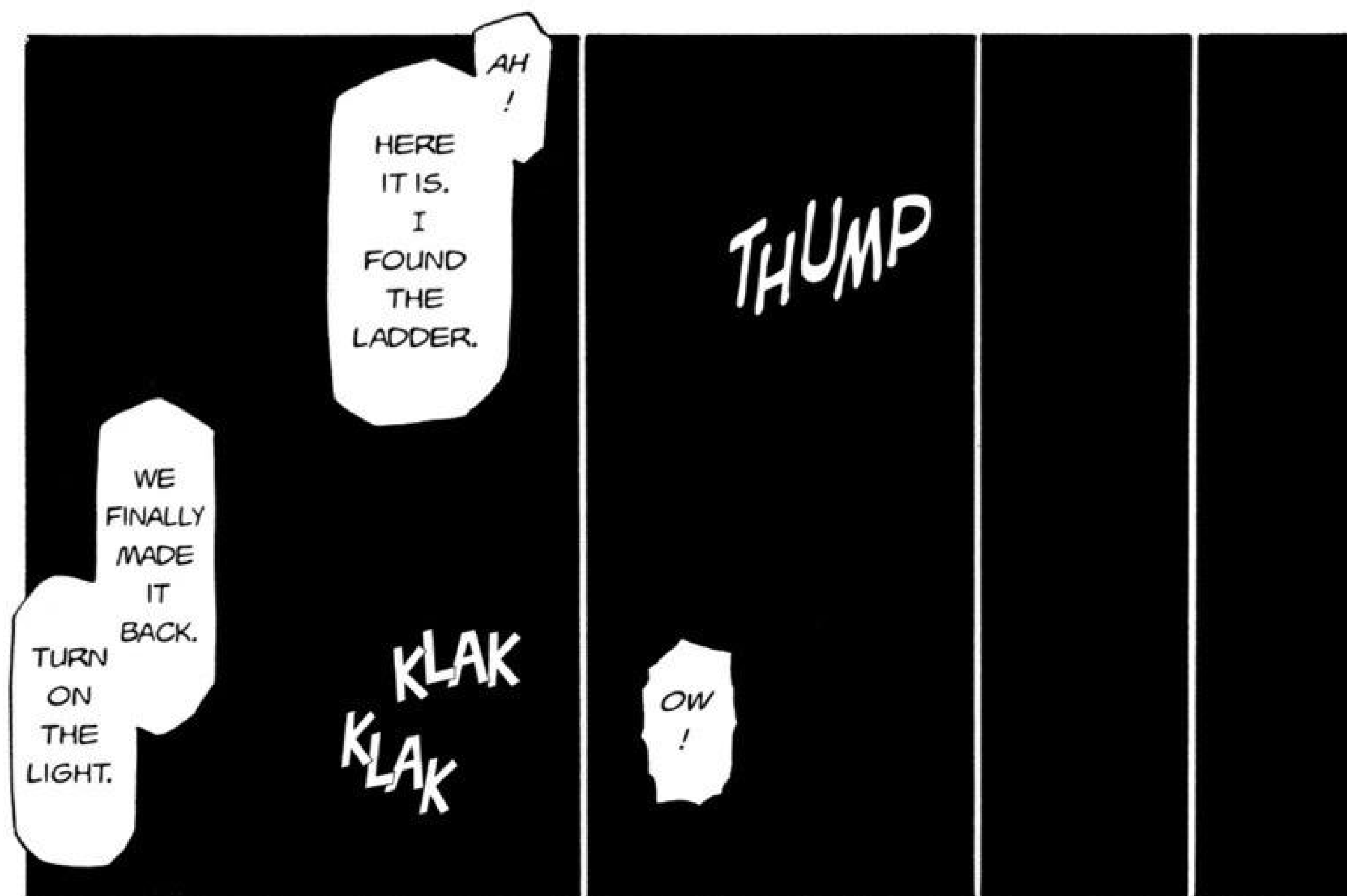
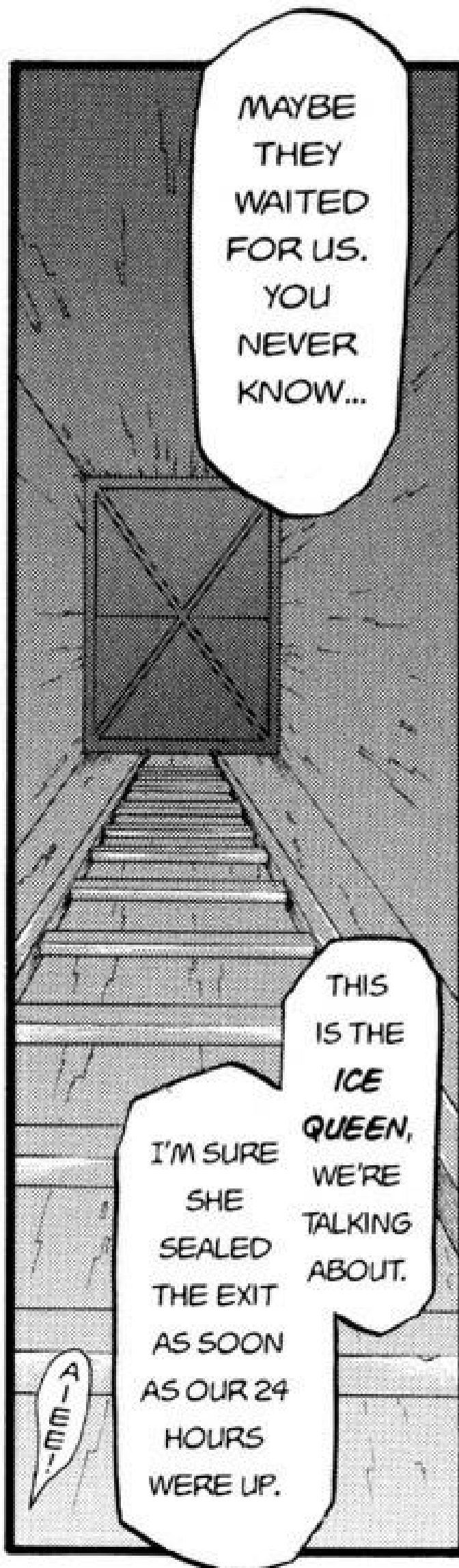






MAYBE
THEY
WAITED
FOR US.
YOU
NEVER
KNOW...

THIS
IS THE
ICE
QUEEN,
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

I'M SURE
SHE
SEALED
THE EXIT
AS SOON
AS OUR 24
HOURS
WERE UP.

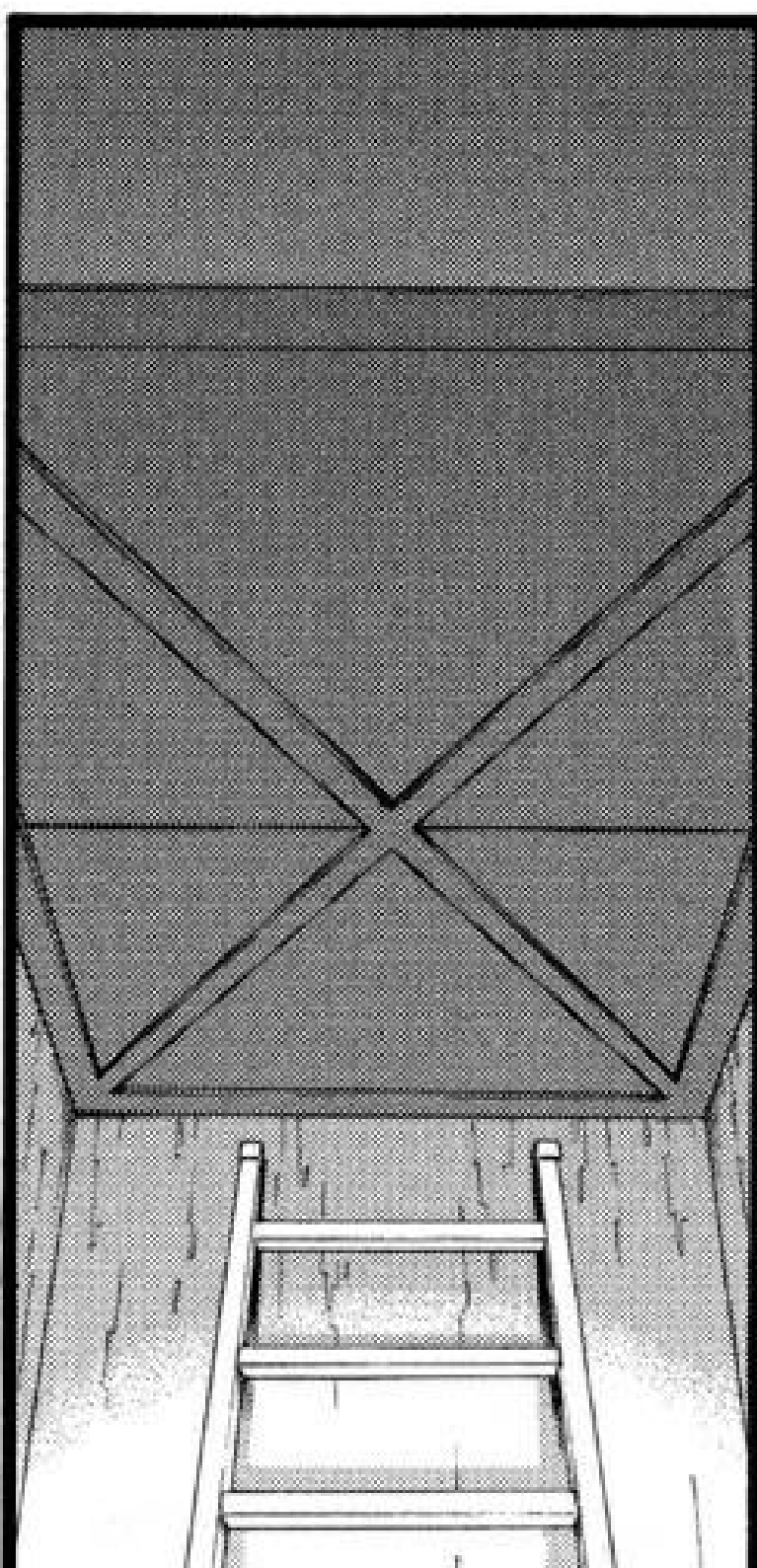
AHH...

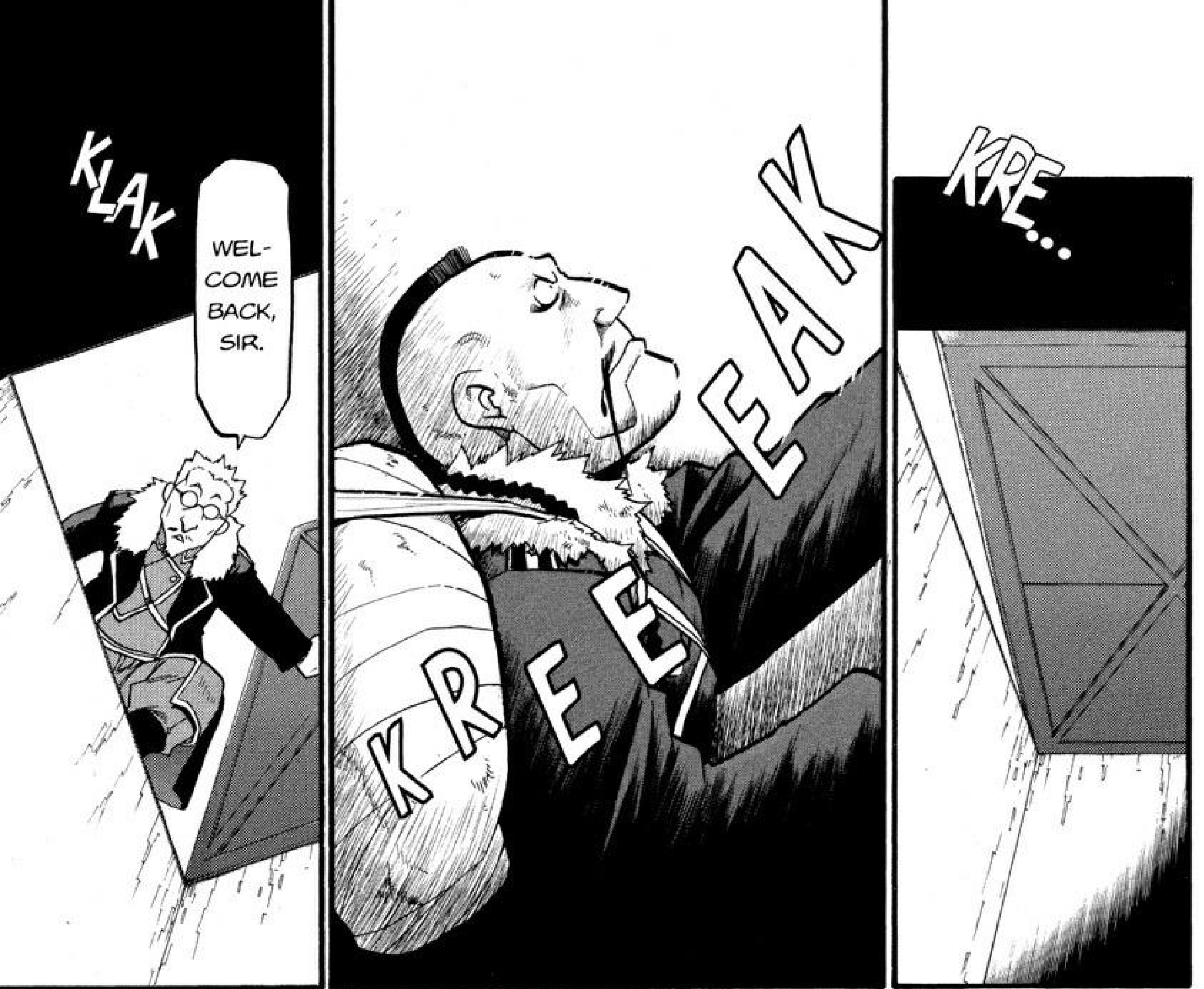


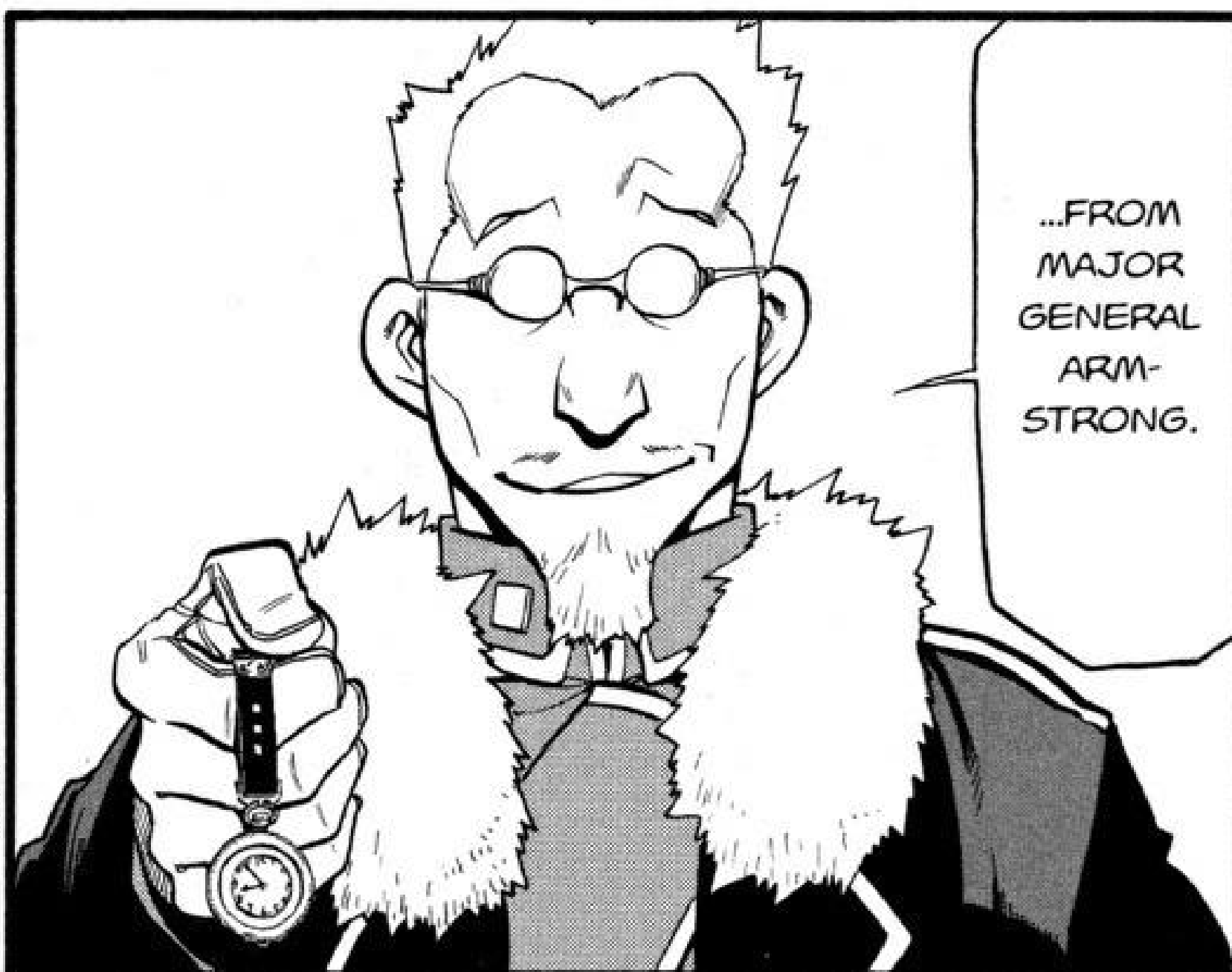
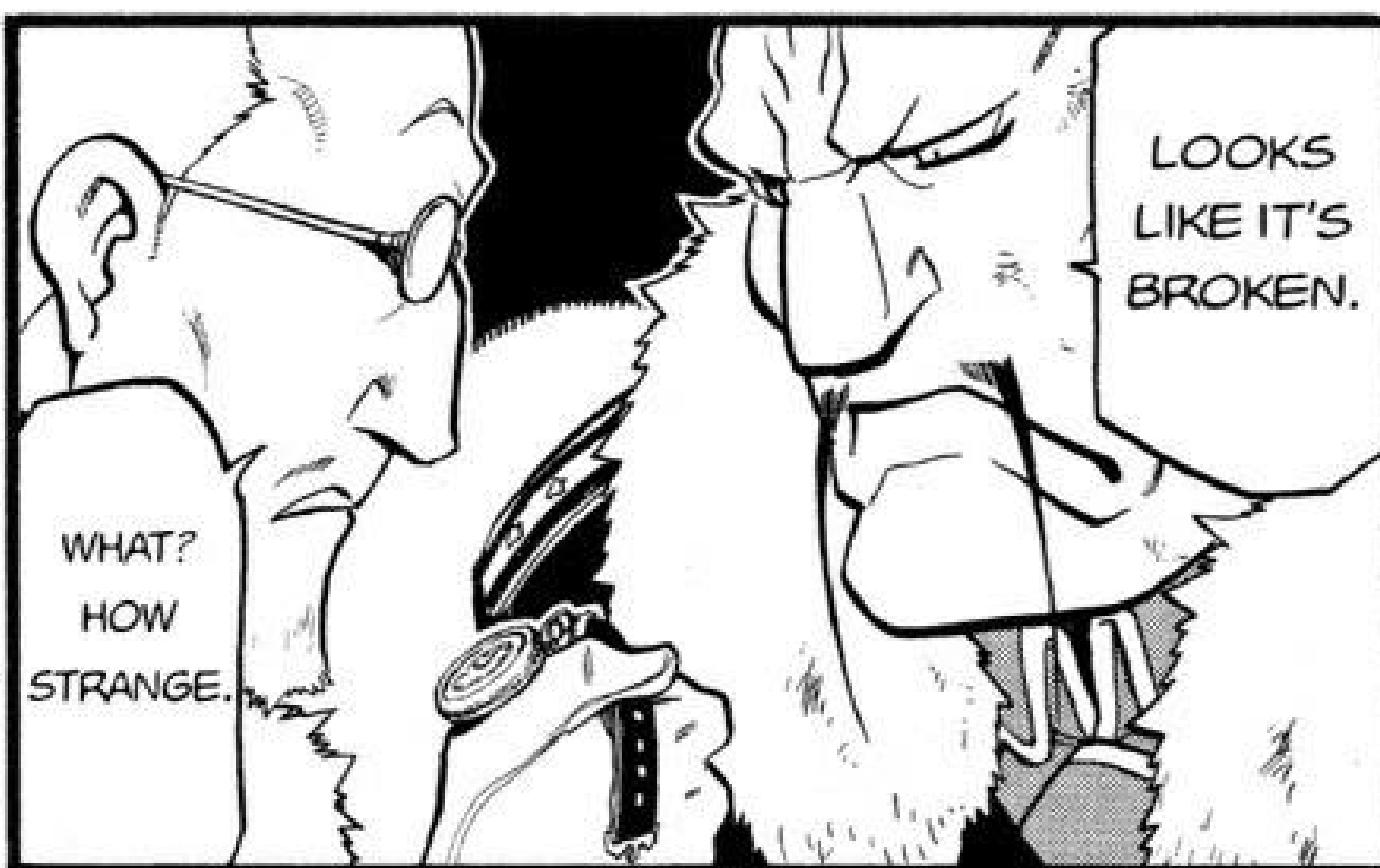
ALL WE
COULD GET
OUT OF
THESE TWO
WAS, "IF YOU
TURN ON THE
LIGHTS, THE
MONSTER
WILL COME."



WE'RE ALIVE,
AREN'T WE? IF
WORST COMES
TO WORST, I'LL
DIG US OUT OF
HERE MYSELF
WITH THIS RIGHT
ARM OF MINE.

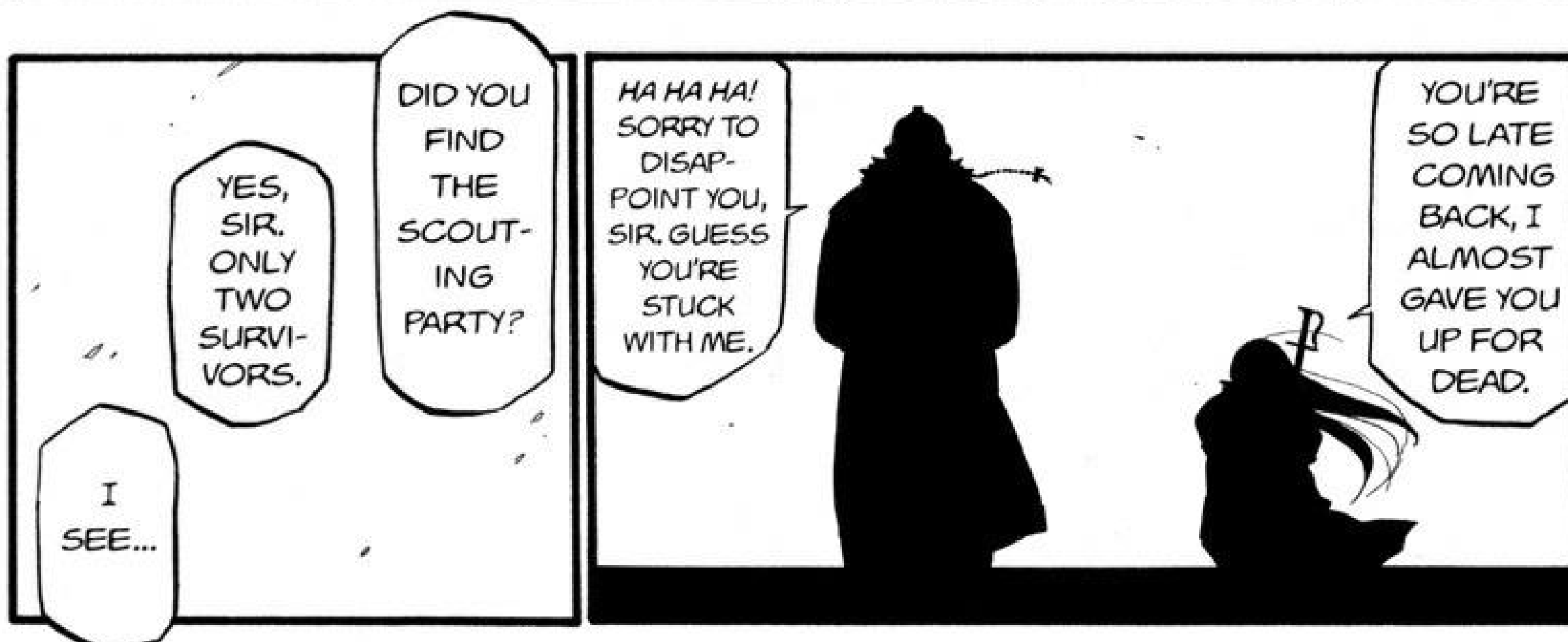








BUCCA-
NEER.



YES,
SIR.
ONLY
TWO
SURVI-
VORS.

DID YOU
FIND
THE
SCOUT-
ING
PARTY?

I
SEE...

HA HA HA!
SORRY TO
DISAP-
POINT YOU,
SIR. GUESS
YOU'RE
STUCK
WITH ME.

YOU'RE
SO LATE
COMING
BACK, I
ALMOST
GAVE YOU
UP FOR
DEAD.



I LOVE
THE
*SIM-
PLICITY*
OF IT.

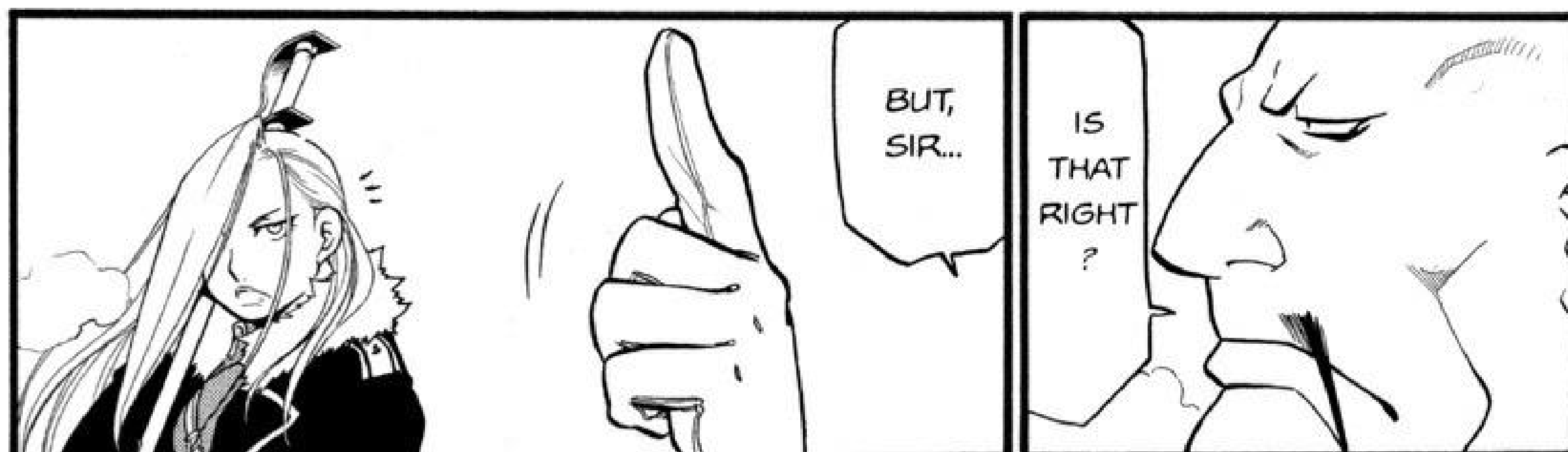
EVERY
THING
BE-
COMES
BLACK
AND
WHITE.

BRIGGS
IS AT
ITS
BEST
IN
THE
WINTER.

SURE.

I WAS
LOOKING
AT THE
MOUN-
TAINS.

MAY I
ASK
WHAT
YOU'RE
DOING
UP
HERE?

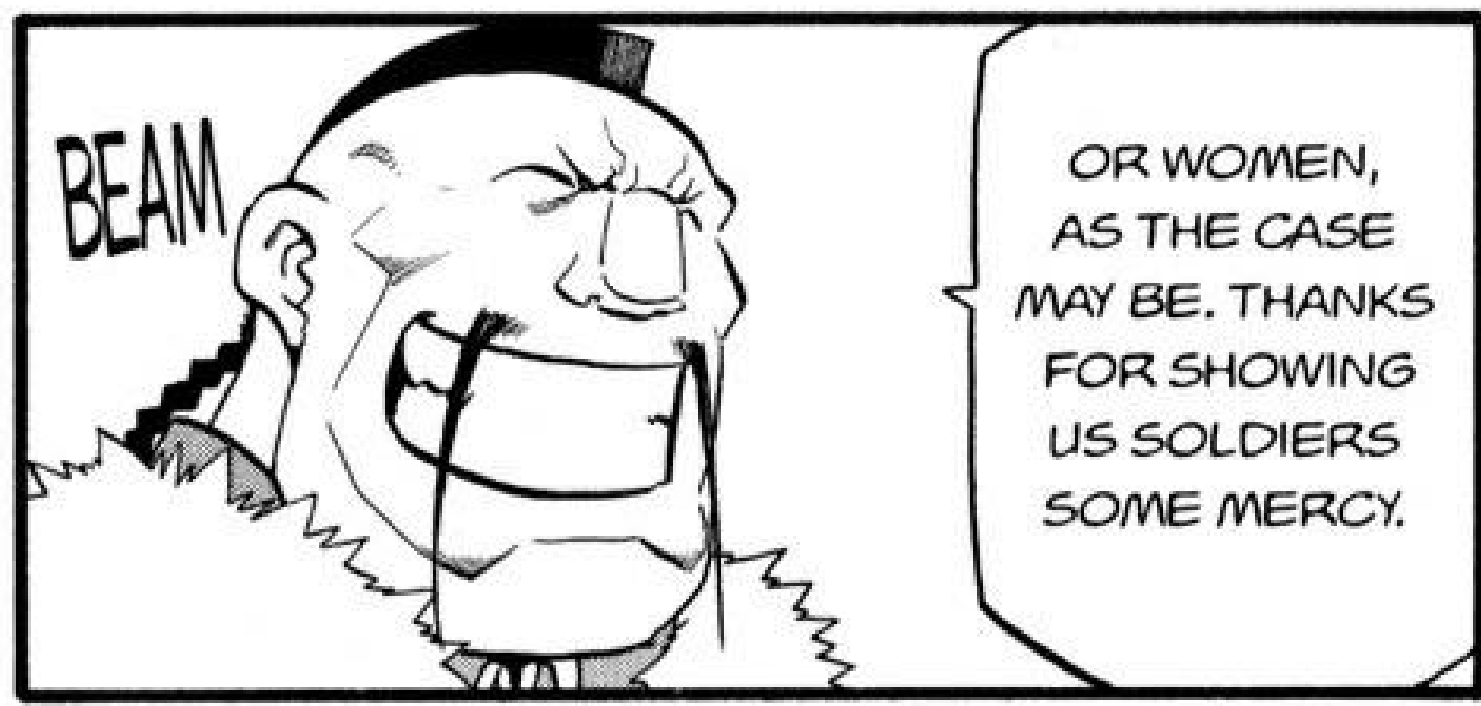


BUT,
SIR...

IS
THAT
RIGHT
?



NOTHING
IN THE
WORLD IS
PURELY BLACK
AND WHITE—
INCLUDING
THE HEARTS
OF MEN.



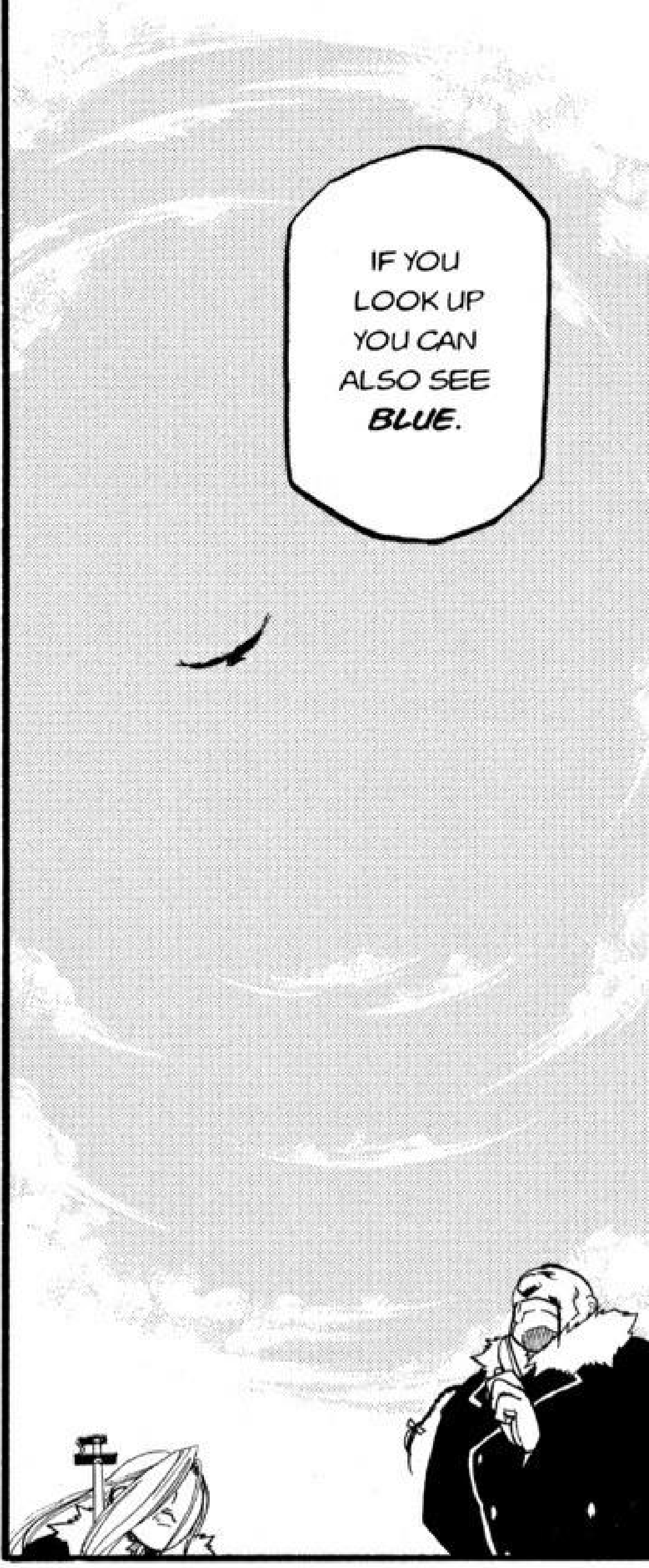
BEAM

OR WOMEN,
AS THE CASE
MAY BE. THANKS
FOR SHOWING
US SOLDIERS
SOME MERCY.



I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT
YOU'RE
TALKING
ABOUT.

HM...



LOOKS
LIKE
WE'VE
GOT
COMPANY,
MA'AM.

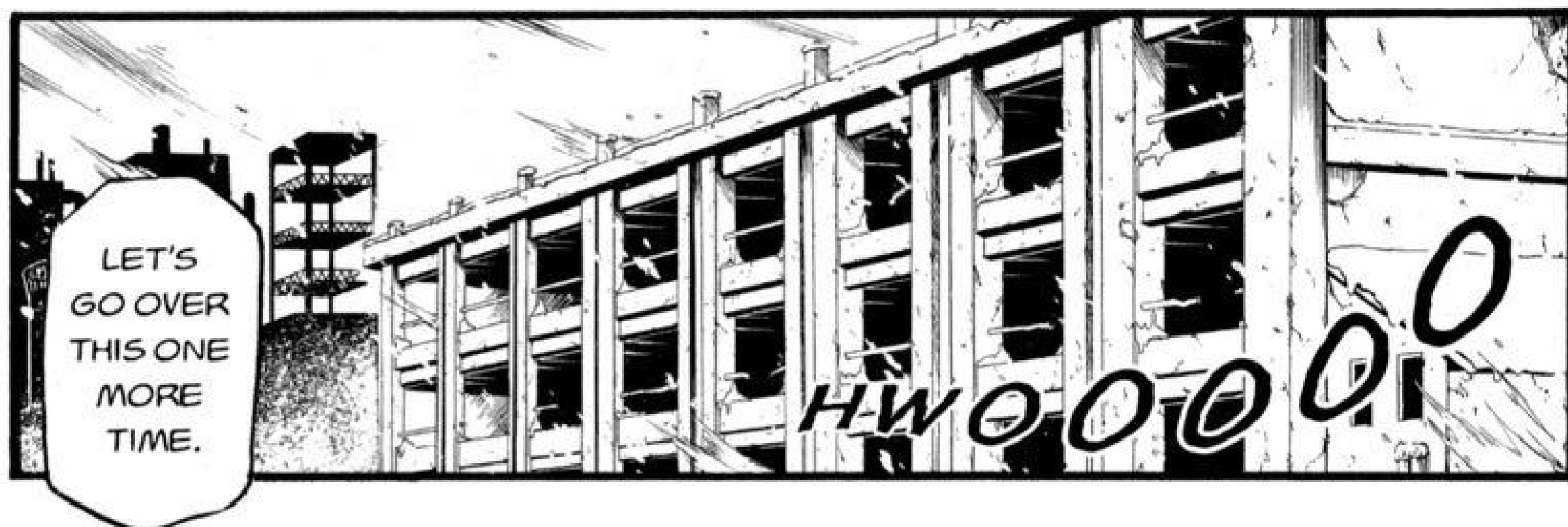
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Chapter 73

A Daydream





ALSO, WE
CAN'T LET
SCAR GET
CAPTURED
BECAUSE WE
NEED HIM TO
TRANSLATE
THE RESEARCH
NOTES.



FIRST, WE
CAN'T LET
THEM KNOW
THAT MARCOH
IS HERE.

AND WE MUST
NOT ALLOW
THEM TO FIND
OUT THAT THE
ELRIC BROTHERS
ARE INVOLVED
IN ANY OF THIS.



WE NEED
TO FREE MS.
ROCKBELL
FROM BEING
HELD HOSTAGE
BY THE
CENTRAL CITY
MILITARY.

WAIT,
WAIT,
WAIT
!!

SO, THE BEST
THING TO DO
WOULD BE FOR
US TO STICK
TOGETHER AND
TRAVEL BACK TO
FORT BRIGGS
WHERE EVERYONE
CAN HIDE OUT.



ME
?!



PLUS, THERE
ARE MY ORIGINAL
ORDERS TO BRING
THE GIRL WITH
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE PURIFICATION
ARTS BACK TO
FORT BRIGGS.

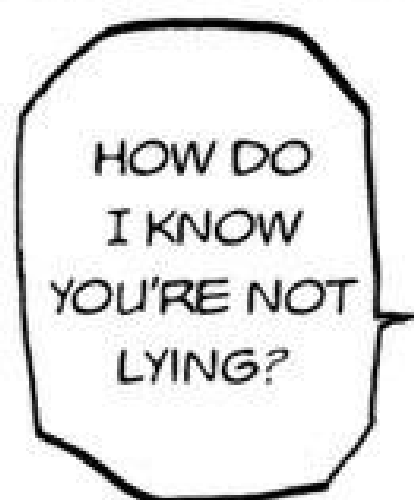
YOU'LL
BE
TREATED
LIKE AN
HONORED
GUEST.

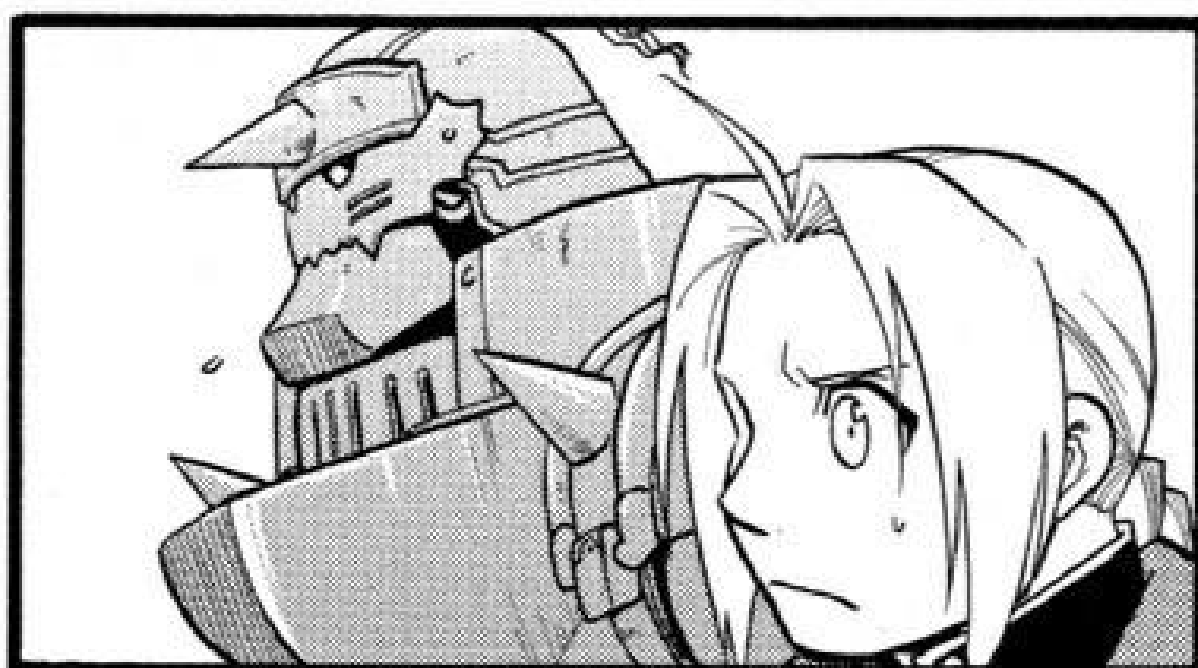
DON'T
WORRY.

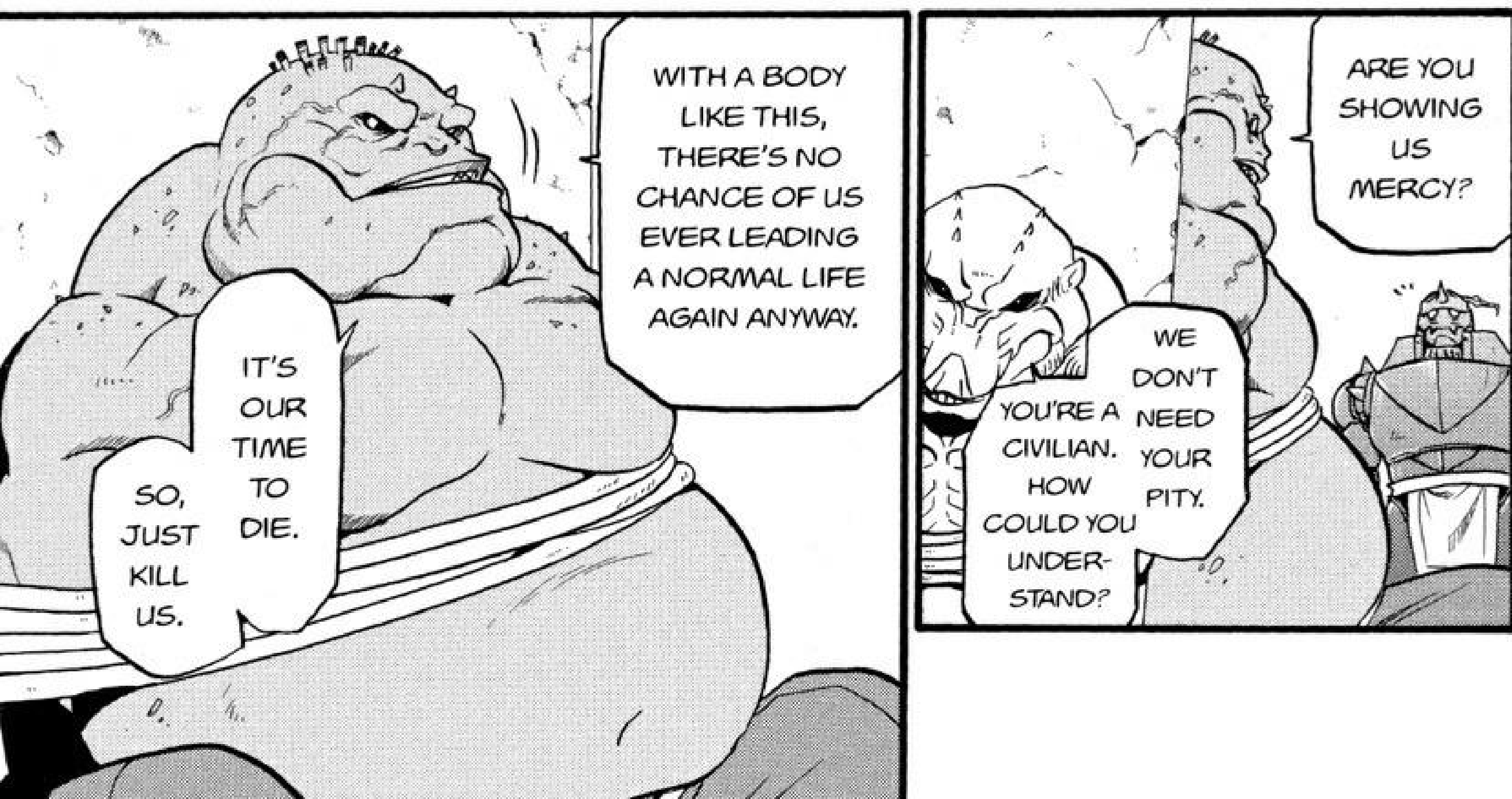
WHY ARE YOU
LOOKING
AT ME
LIKE THAT?

WHAT
DO YOU
WANT
WITH
ME?!!









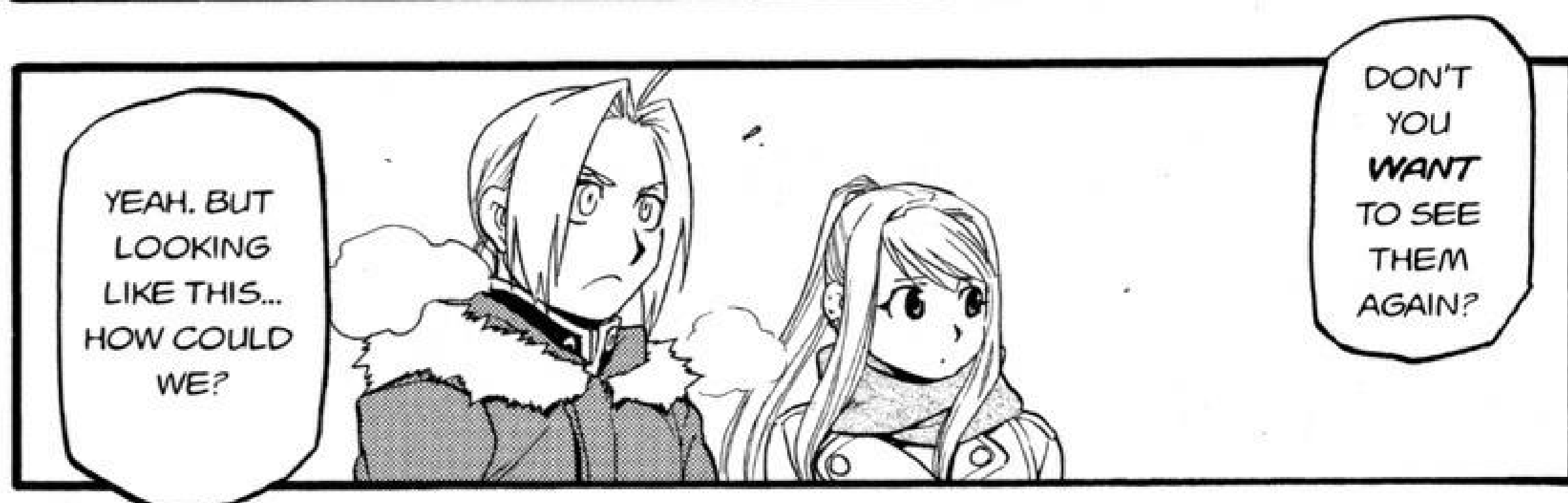
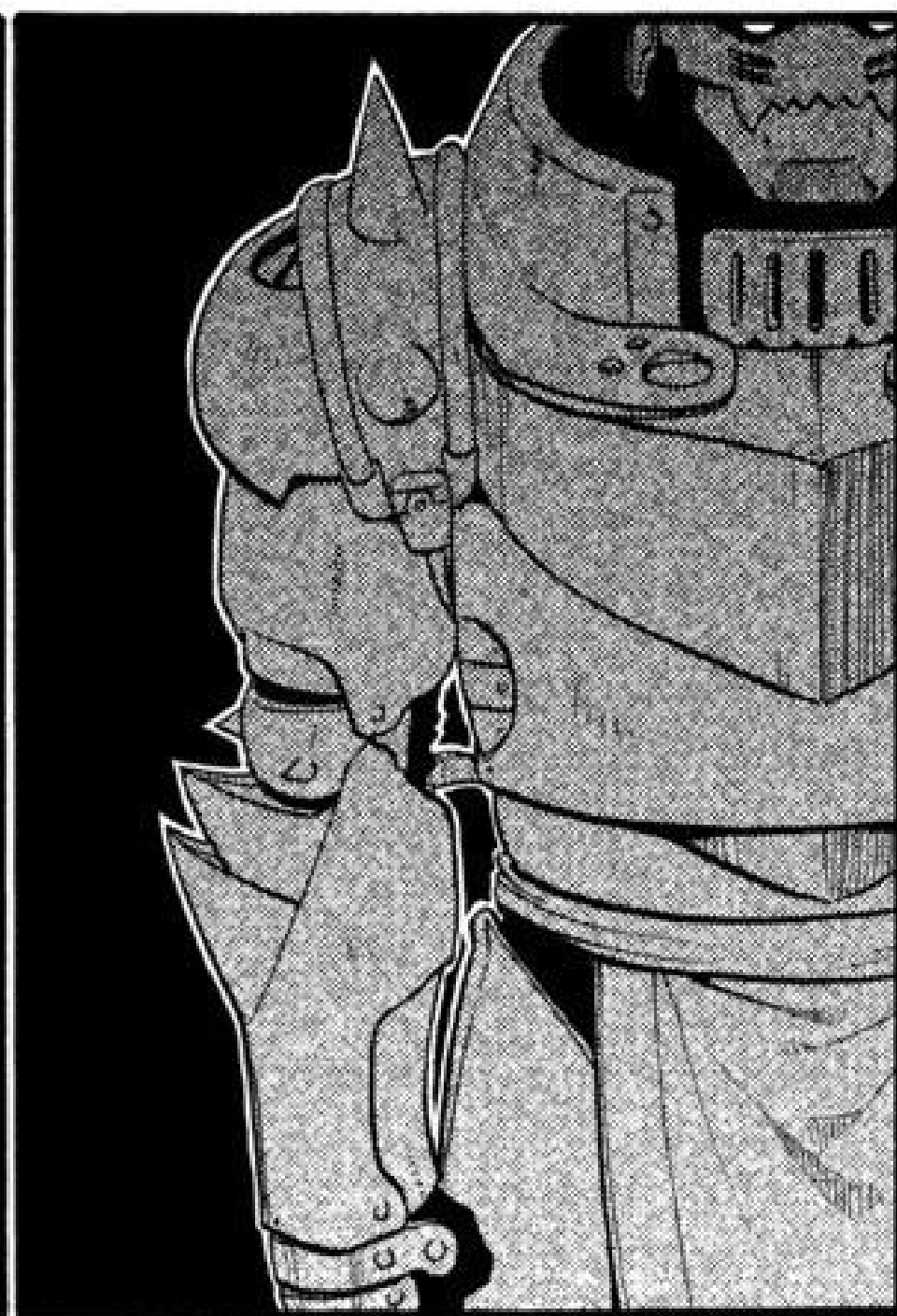


BUT WHEN
WE WERE
GIVEN THESE
BODIES, OUR
FAMILIES
WERE TOLD
THAT WE
WERE **DEAD**.

WE
DO.

DON'T YOU
GUYS HAVE
A FAMILY...
LOVED
ONES?

WE
HAVEN'T
SEEN
THEM
SINCE.



YEAH. BUT
LOOKING
LIKE THIS...
HOW COULD
WE?

DON'T
YOU
WANT
TO SEE
THEM
AGAIN?



OF
COURSE
WE WANT
OUR OLD
BODIES
BACK!!

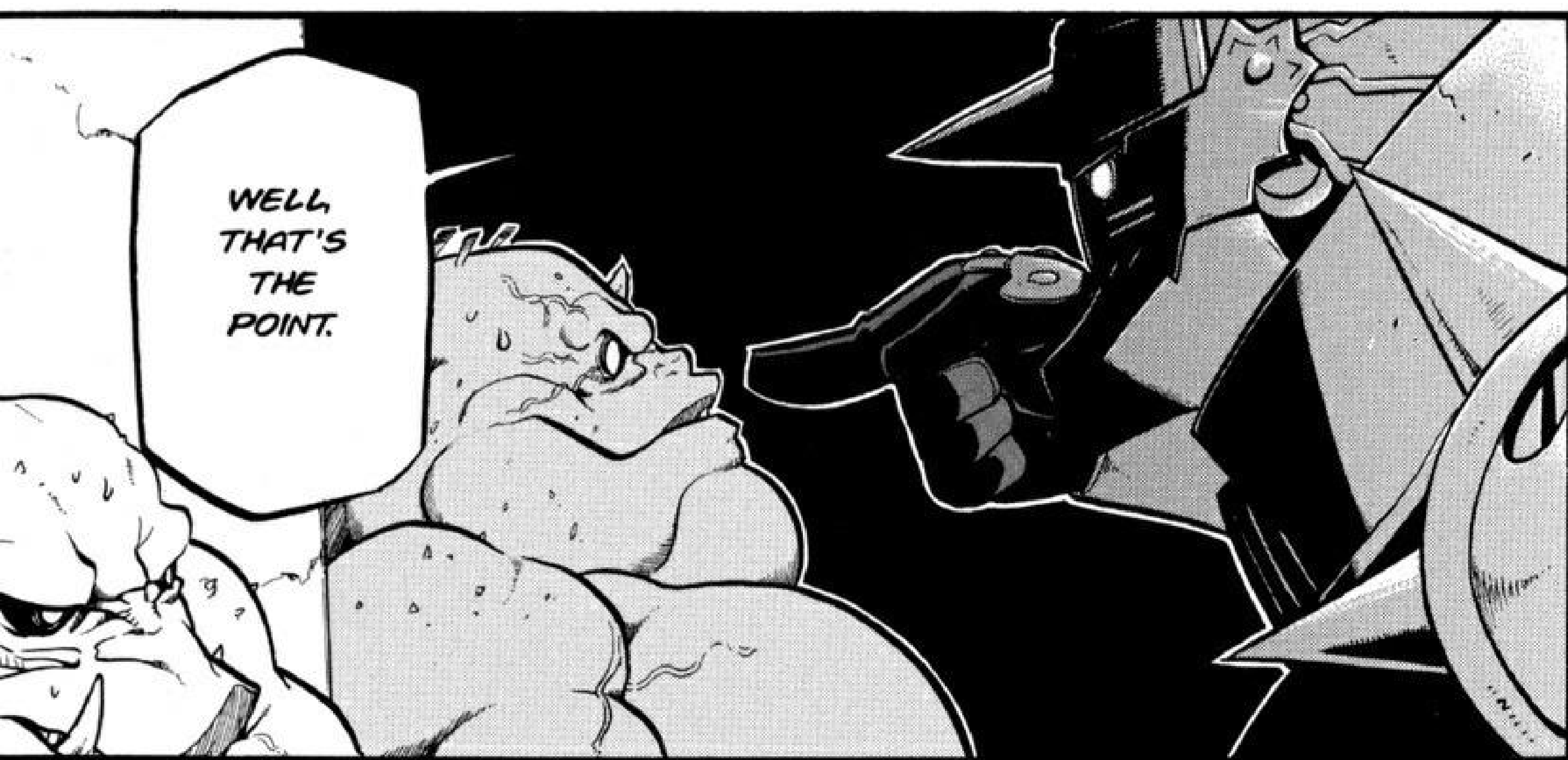


SO YOU
GUYS **DON'T**
WANT TO GET
YOUR OLD
BODIES
BACK,
RIGHT?

OH.



YOU'RE
HAPPY
WITH THE
BODIES
YOU'RE IN
NOW?



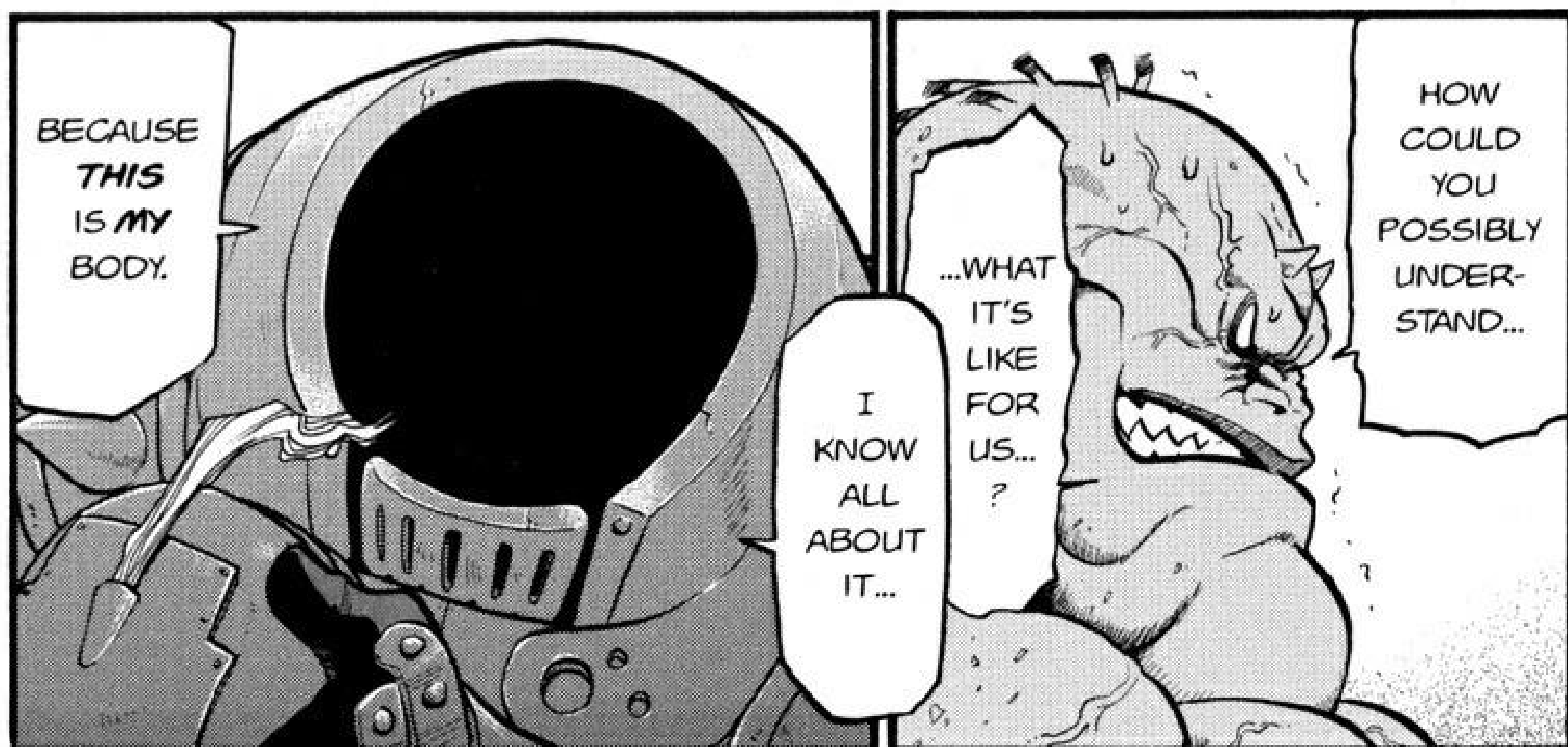
WELL,
THAT'S
THE
POINT.



YOU HAVEN'T
EVEN CON-
SIDERED THE
POSSIBILITY
THAT YOU
MIGHT BE ABLE
TO GET YOUR
ORIGINAL
BODIES
BACK!!

STOP
BEING
SO
PESSI-
MISTIC
!!

SO DON'T
SAY IT'S
HOPELESS
AND JUST
GIVE UP!



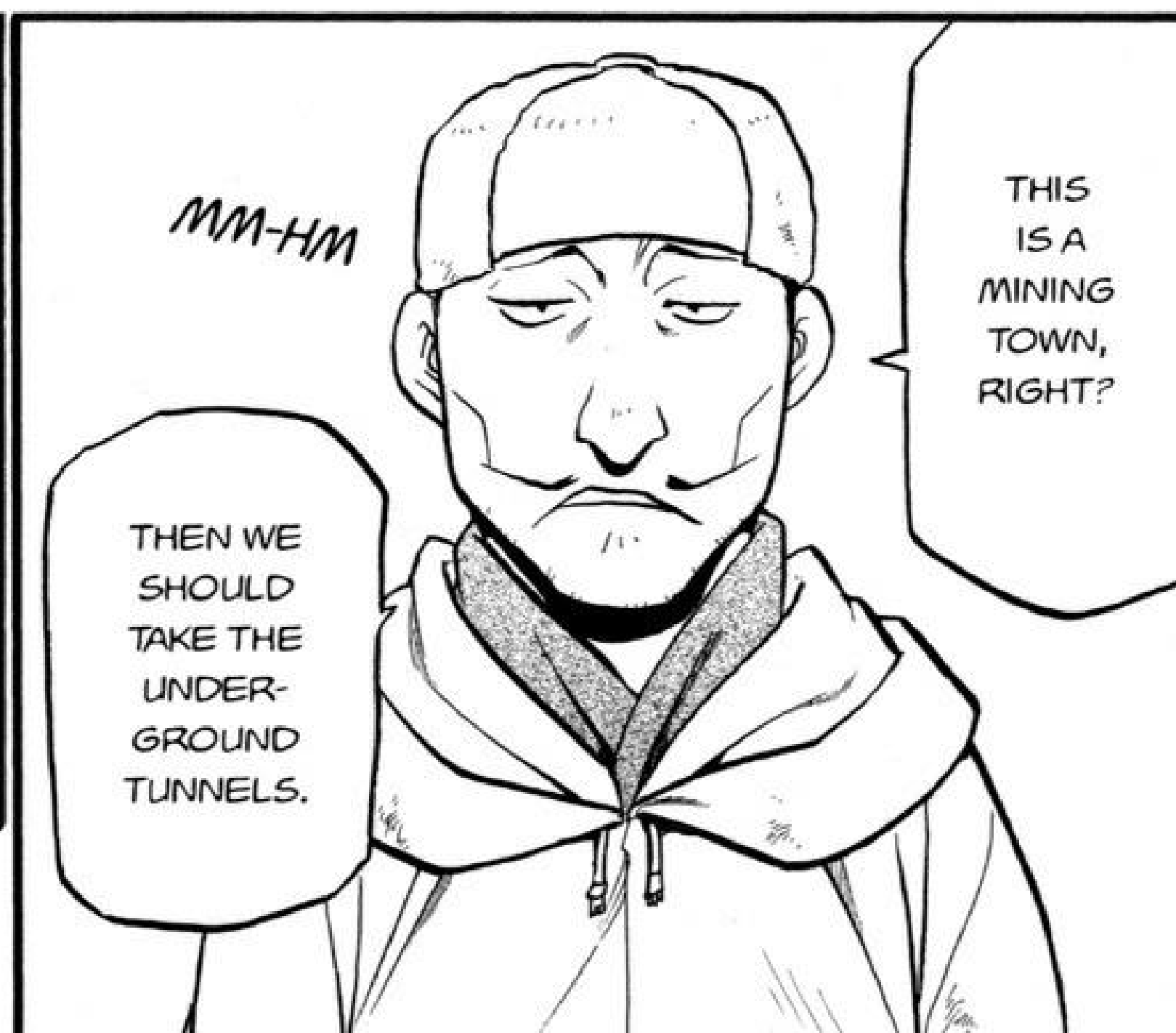
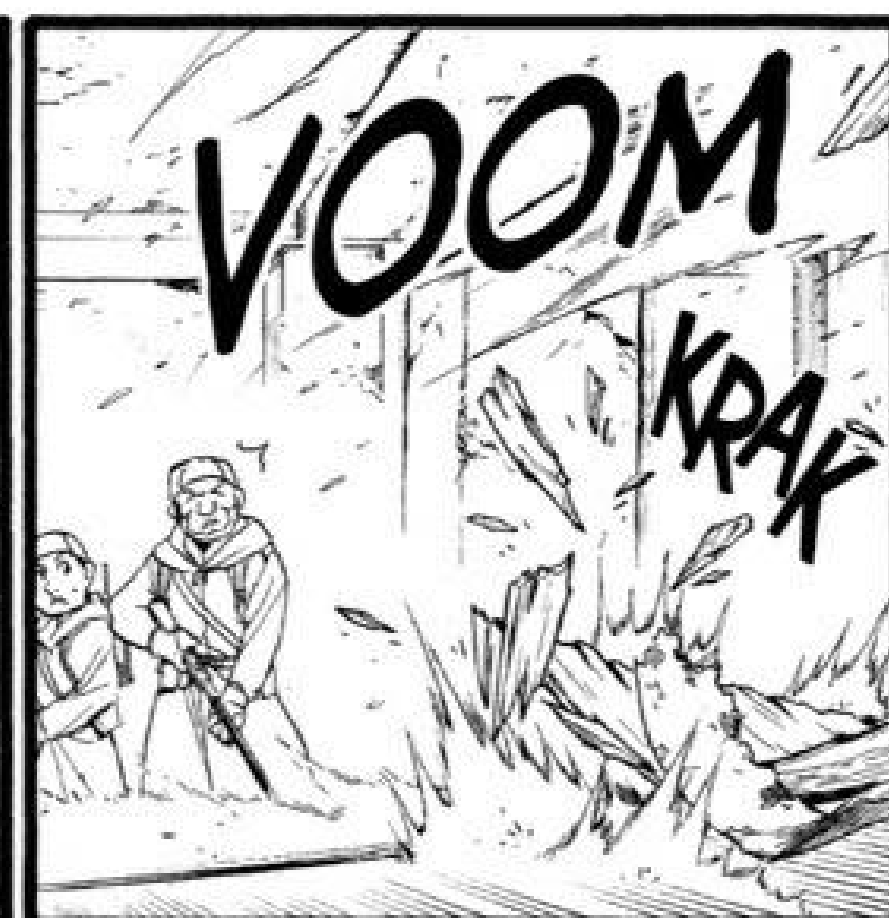
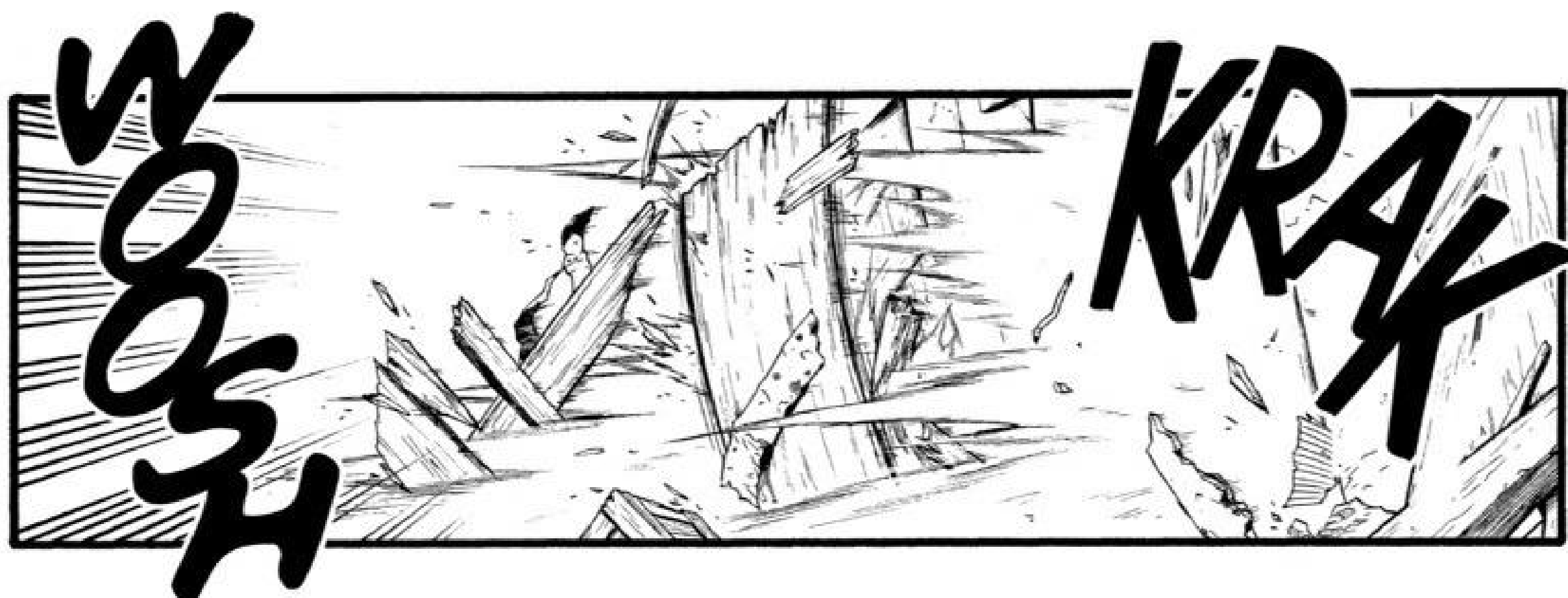
BECAUSE
THIS
IS MY
BODY.

I
KNOW
ALL
ABOUT
IT...

...WHAT
IT'S
LIKE
FOR
US...
?

HOW
COULD
YOU
POSSIBLY
UNDER-
STAND...







YOU
SEE...

IN A MINE THIS BIG,
THERE HAS TO BE A
TUNNEL THAT LEADS TO
THE OTHER SIDE OF
THE MOUNTAIN.



YOU'RE
RIGHT,
SIR! IT
CON-
NECTS
!

THERE'S
A TUNNEL
THAT EXITS
ON THE
OTHER
SIDE OF
THE MOUN-
TAIN!



GET
THE
MAP
!

DON'T
UNDER-
ESTIMATE
A FORMER
OWNER
OF A COAL
MINE!!

HEH
HEH
HEH

THAT'S
IT!!

REALLY
?



NOW ALL WE
NEED TO DO IS TO
COME UP WITH A
PLAN TO SOLVE
MS. WINRY'S
PREDICAMENT
WITHOUT
INCRIMINATING
THE ELRIC
BROTHERS.



GOOD! THAT
MEANS IF WE CAN
STALL KIMBLEE
FOR A FEW DAYS,
MARCOH AND THE
OTHERS CAN GET
TO THE FORT
FIRST.

AND THE
EXIT IS
CLOSER
TO FORT
BRIGGS
THAN
HERE.



THANK
YOU.

IT'S A NOTE
EXPLAINING
YOUR
SITUATION
AND
INSTRUCTIONS
TO AID YOU
IN ANY WAY
POSSIBLE.

IF YOU RUN
INTO ANY
SOLDIERS
FROM BRIGGS,
SHOW THIS
TO THEM.



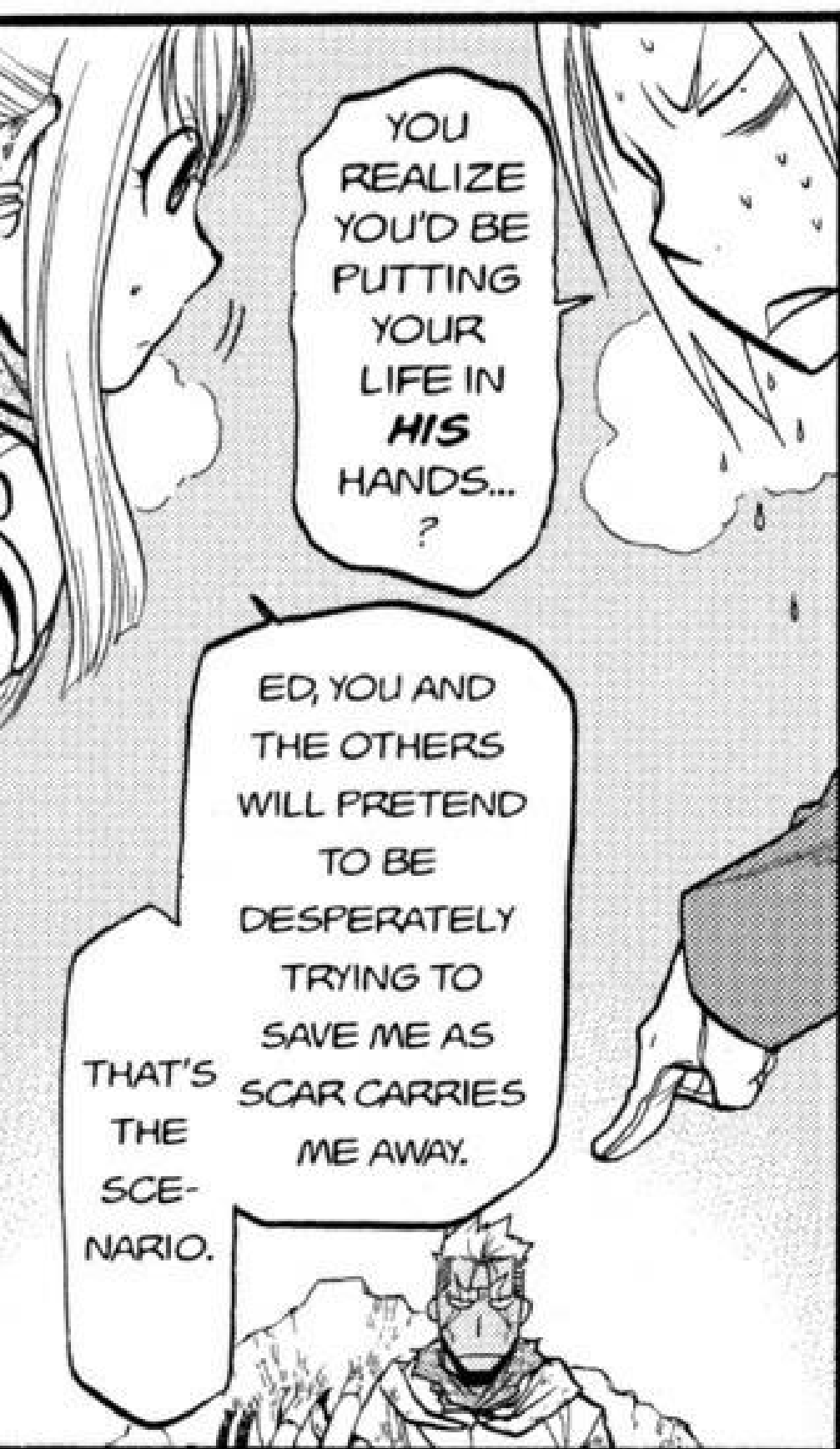
KIMBLEE
WE'LL
HAVE
TO BE
FULLY
COM-
MITTED
TO OUR
STRAT-
EGY.

IS A
SUSPI-
CIOUS
MAN.

HM...
HOW...
?



THIS ISN'T
EASY FOR
ME TO
SAY, BUT...



YOU
REALIZE
YOU'D BE
PUTTING
YOUR
LIFE IN
HIS
HANDS...
?

ED, YOU AND
THE OTHERS
WILL PRETEND
TO BE
DESPERATELY
TRYING TO
SAVE ME AS
SCAR CARRIES
ME AWAY.
THAT'S
THE
SCE-
NARIO.



...MAYBE
WE COULD
MAKE IT
LOOK LIKE
SCAR HAS
TAKEN ME
HOSTAGE.

WHAT
DO
YOU
THINK...
?



**BUT
OUR
LIVES
ARE AT
STAKE
!!**

**NO WAY!
IT'S TOO
DANGEROUS
!!!**



THAT'S
RIGHT!
THERE'S NO
NEED FOR
YOU TO RISK
YOUR LIFE!!

THERE'S NO
WAY WE'RE
GOING TO
LET YOU
GO OFF
WITH SCAR!!

WE CAN'T
AFFORD
TO WORRY
ABOUT
EVERY
LITTLE
DETAIL!!

WE HAVE
TO RISK IT,
OR WE'LL
NEVER GET
FREE!!



KIM-
BLEE
WILL
BE
HERE
ANY
MINUTE.

QUICK-
MAKE
UP YOUR
MINDS...



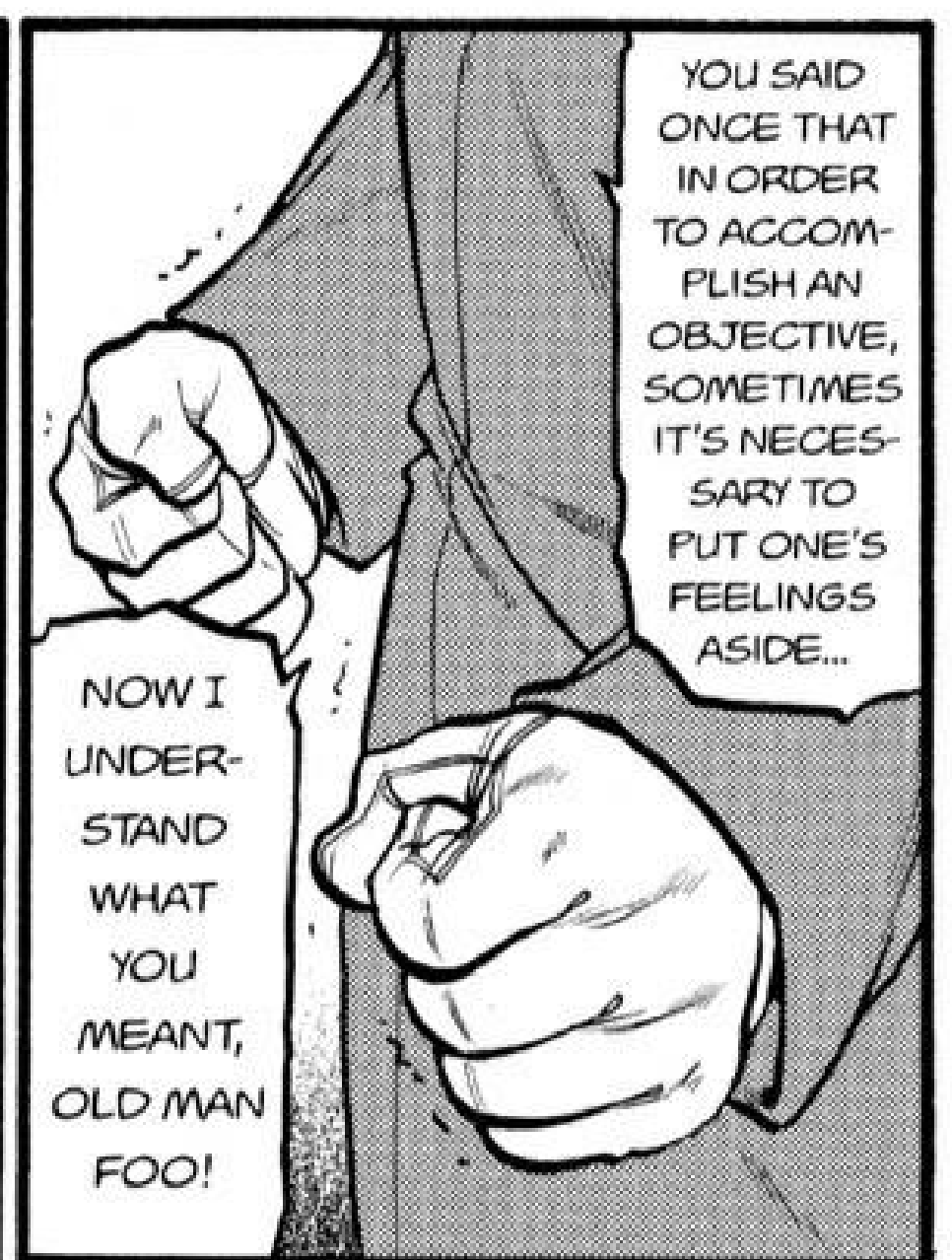
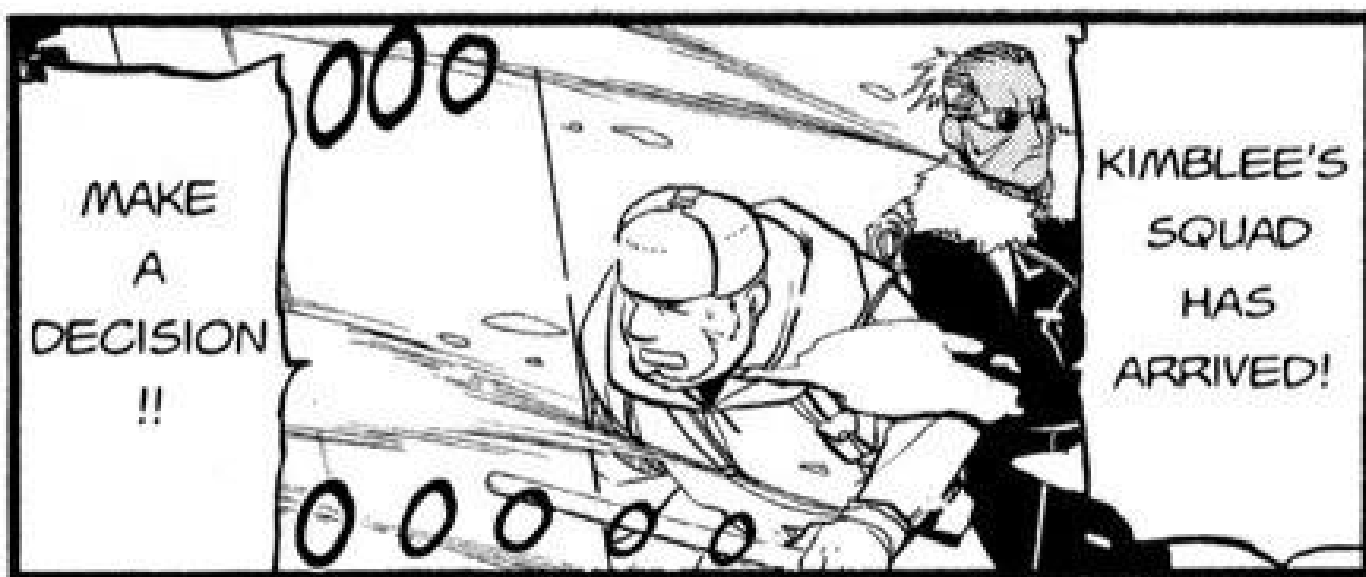
SOON
WE WON'T
EVEN BE
ABLE TO
LEAVE THE
BUILDING.

PLUS,
THE
STORM IS
GETTING
WORSE.



YOU SAID
THAT I WAS
ALREADY
INVOLVED
IN ALL OF
THIS, DIDN'T
YOU?!

IT'S NOT
FAIR FOR
YOU TWO
TO ALWAYS
CARRY THE
ENTIRE
BURDEN!!







HE'LL
KILL US
FOR
SURE.

BUT MR.
KIMBLEE HAS
NO MERCY
TOWARD
THOSE WHO
FAIL TO CARRY
OUT HIS
ORDERS.



THAT
INCLUDES
YOUR
LOVED
ONES.

IF YOU GUYS
DO ANYTHING
TO HINDER
US, YOU KNOW
THAT THIS
COUNTRY
COULD BE
DESTROYED,
DON'T YOU?

WHAT
?!



MR.
ALCHEMIST,
I'M BEGGING
YOU!! WE'LL
TELL YOU
EVERYTHING
WE KNOW!

IF THERE'S
ANY WAY FOR
US TO GET
OUR ORIGINAL
BODIES BACK,
I DON'T WANT
TO GIVE UP
HOPE.



I'LL HELP
YOU AS
MUCH AS
I CAN!!
TAKE US
ALONG!!

TELL
ME
MORE
!!

THE
CENTRAL
CITY
MILITARY
NEVER
TOLD US
THAT!

WAIT,
WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
?!



...THANKS.

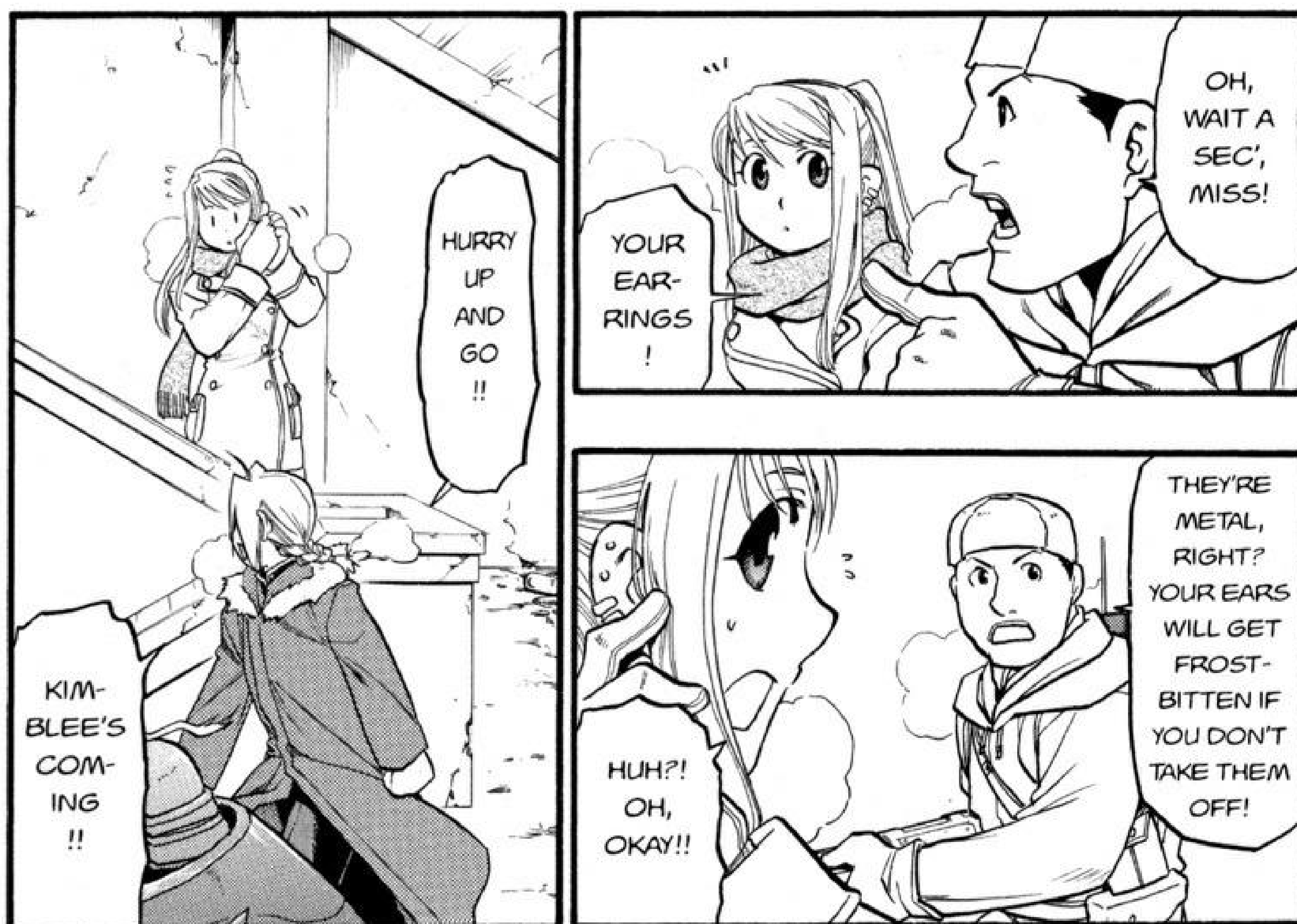
I HAVE
FAITH IN
YOUR
ACTING
SKILLS.

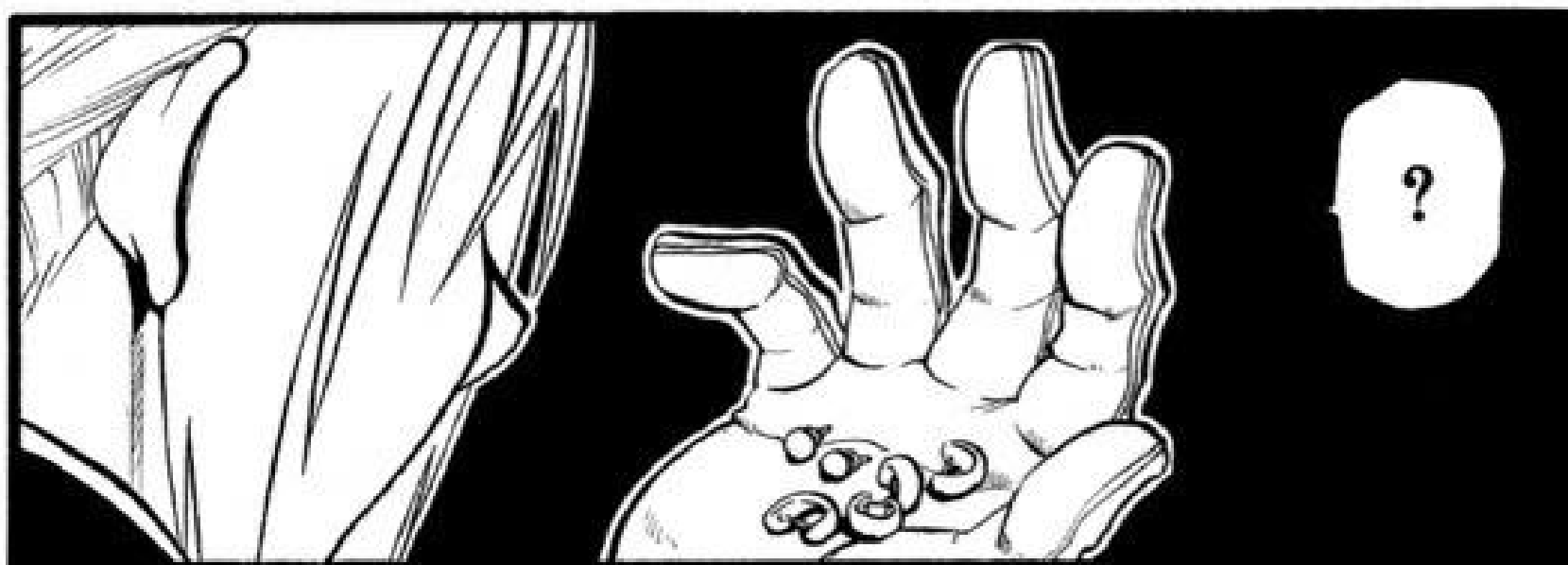
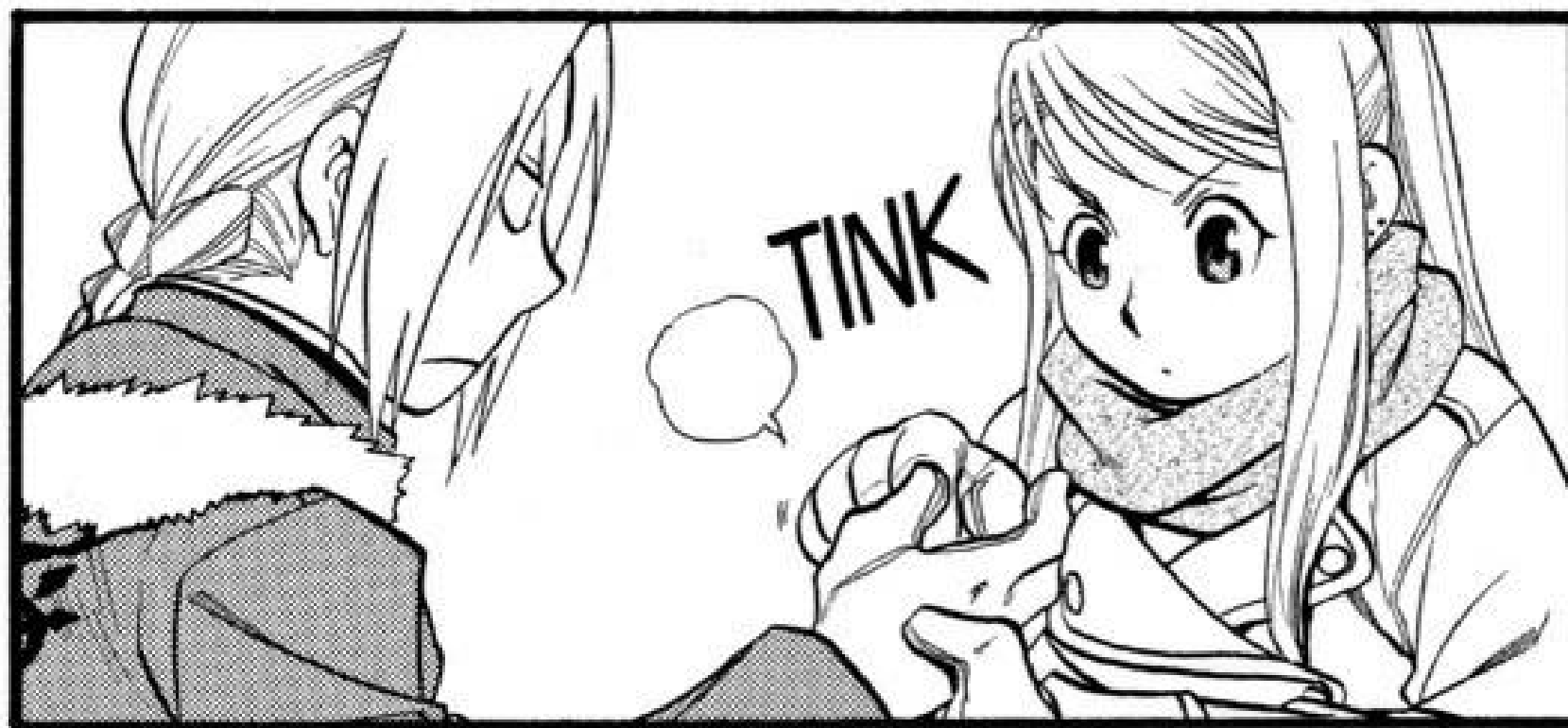
YOU'D
BETTER
HURRY,
SCAR.

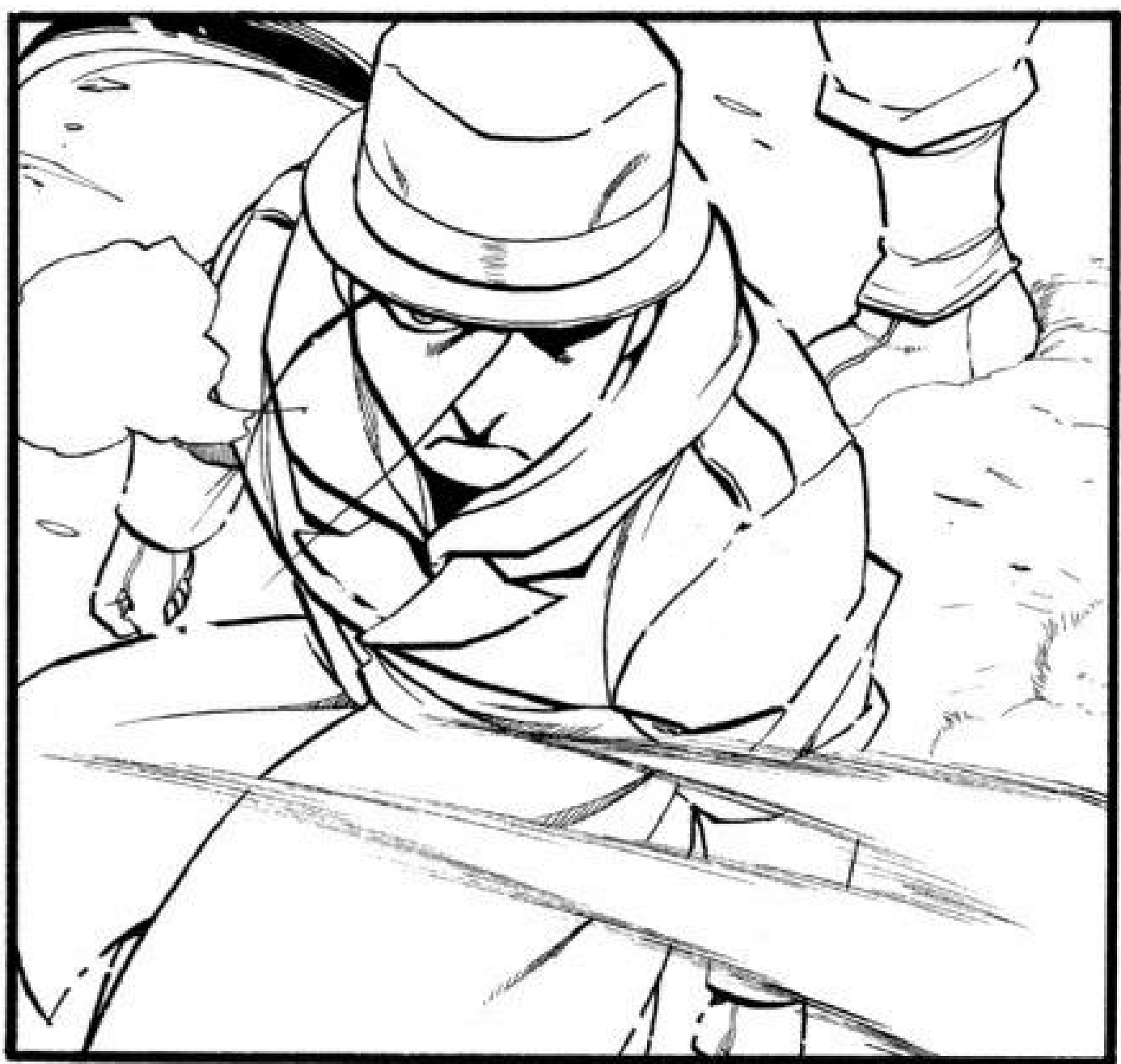
SURE.
WHATEVER
EASES YOUR
CONCERNS.

LEAVING
THE RE-
STRAINTS
ON,
RIGHT?

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP









IT SEEMS
THE TABLES
HAVE TURNED
SINCE FIRST
WE MET.



LONG
TIME
NO SEE,
KIMBLEE.



HOW
DARE
YOU!!

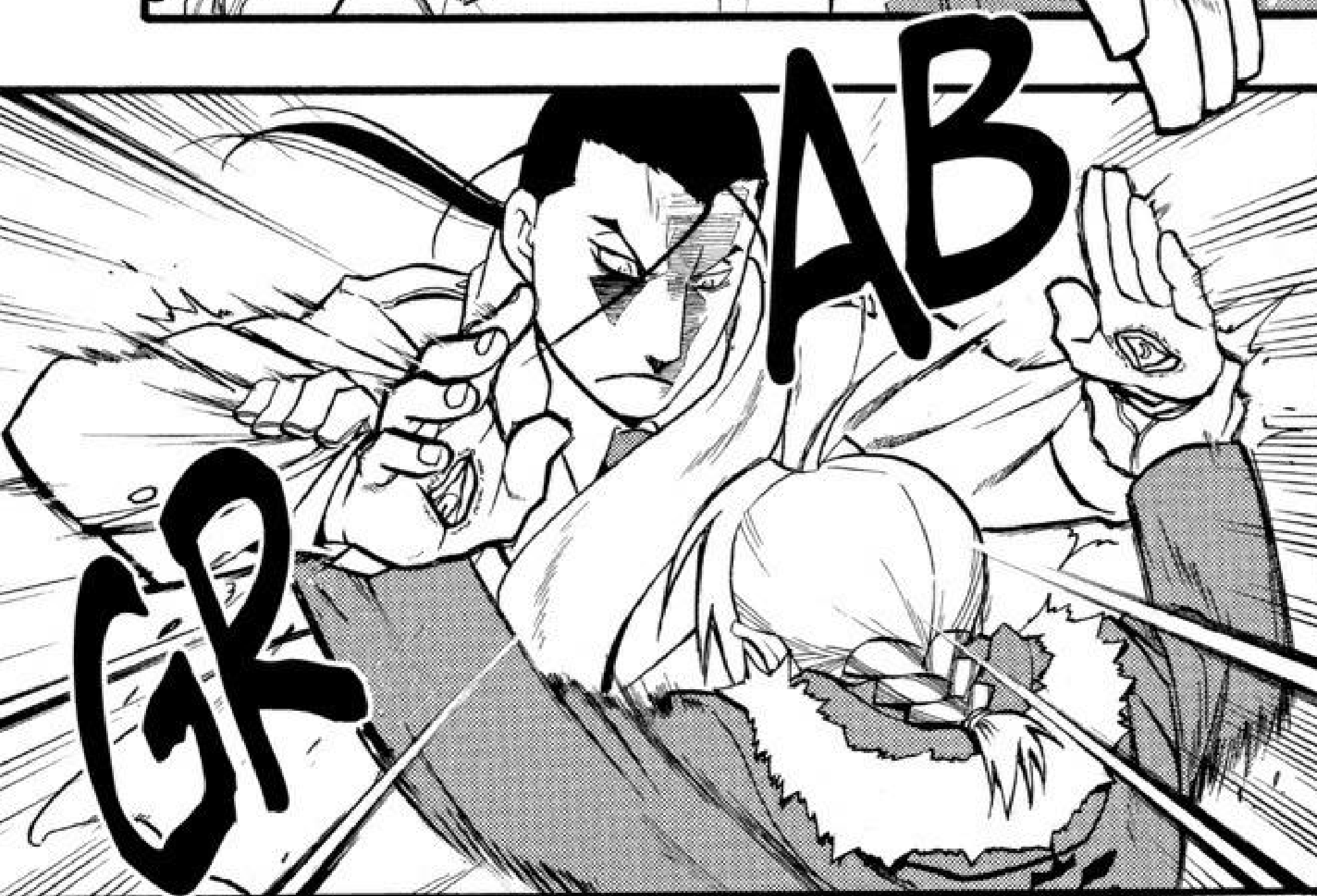


I THOUGHT
YOU HAD
SOMEONE
KEEP AN EYE
ON WINRY
AT HEAD-
QUARTERS!!



KIMBLEE,
YOU
BASTARD
!



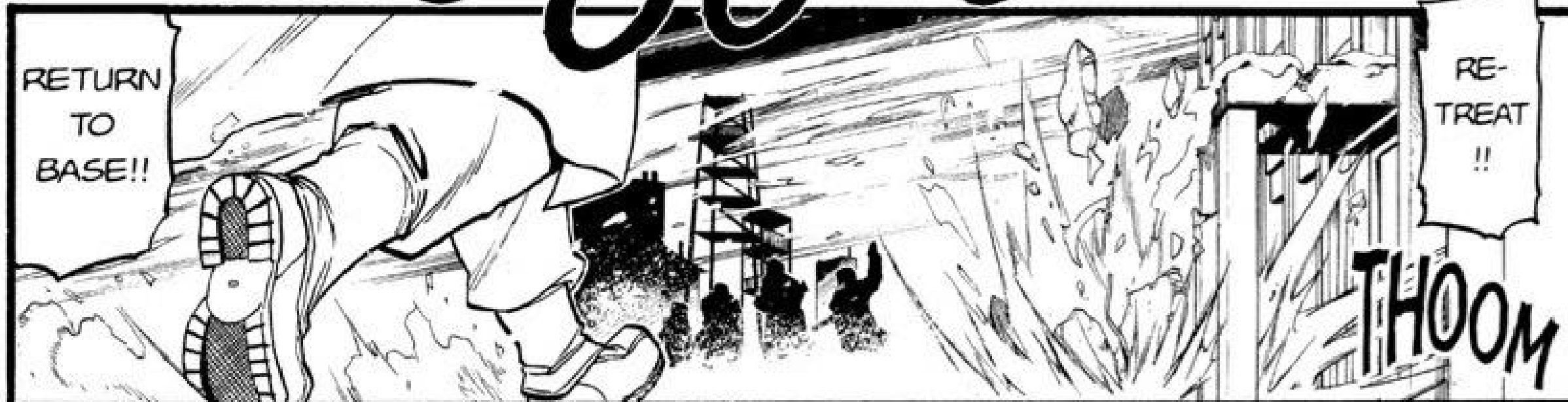


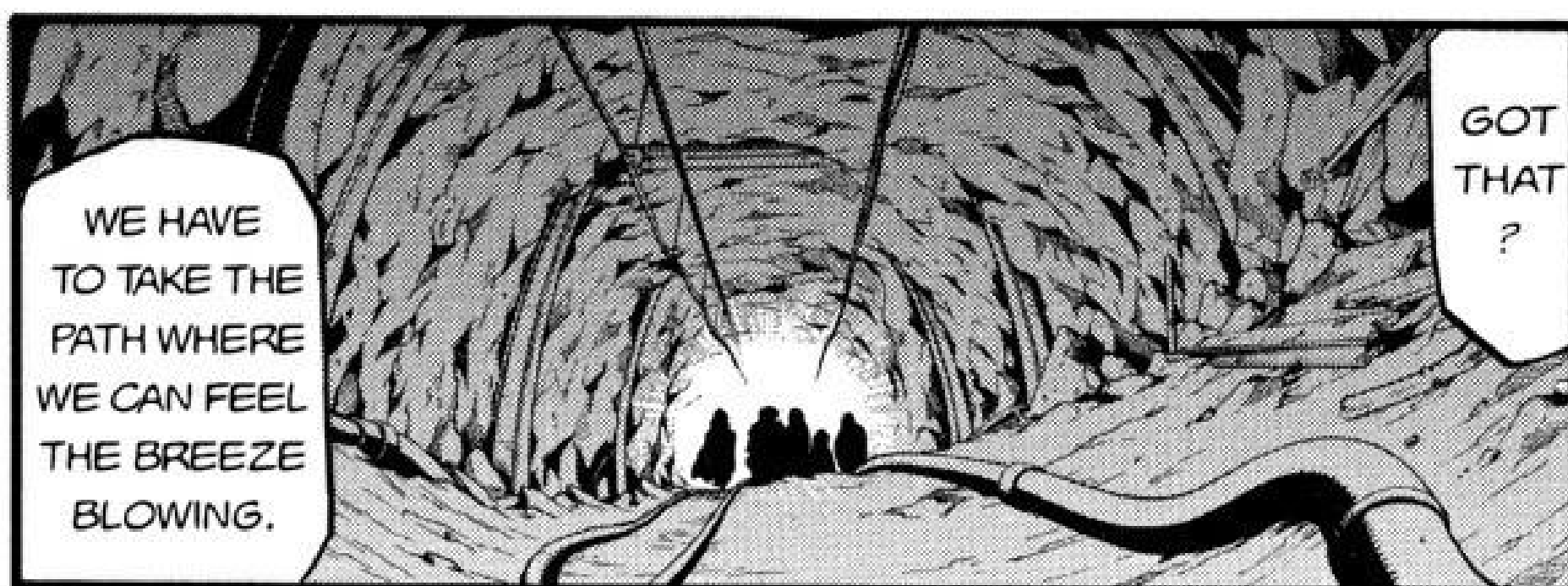
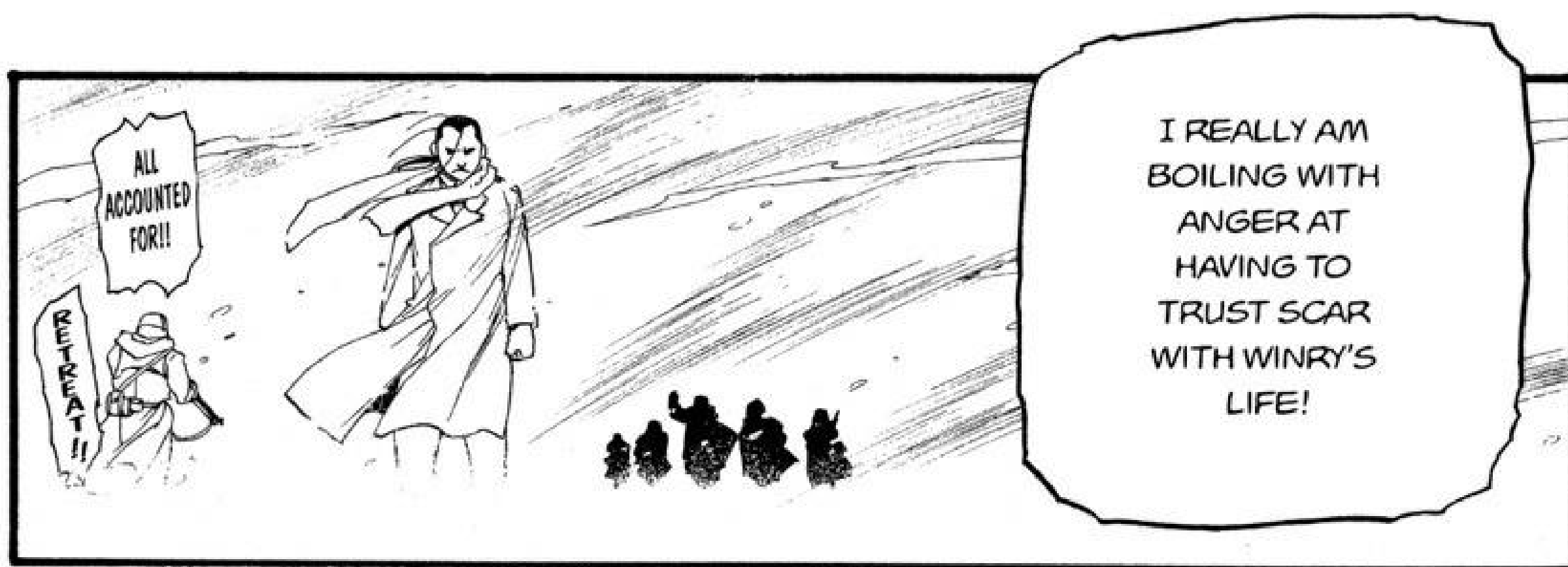


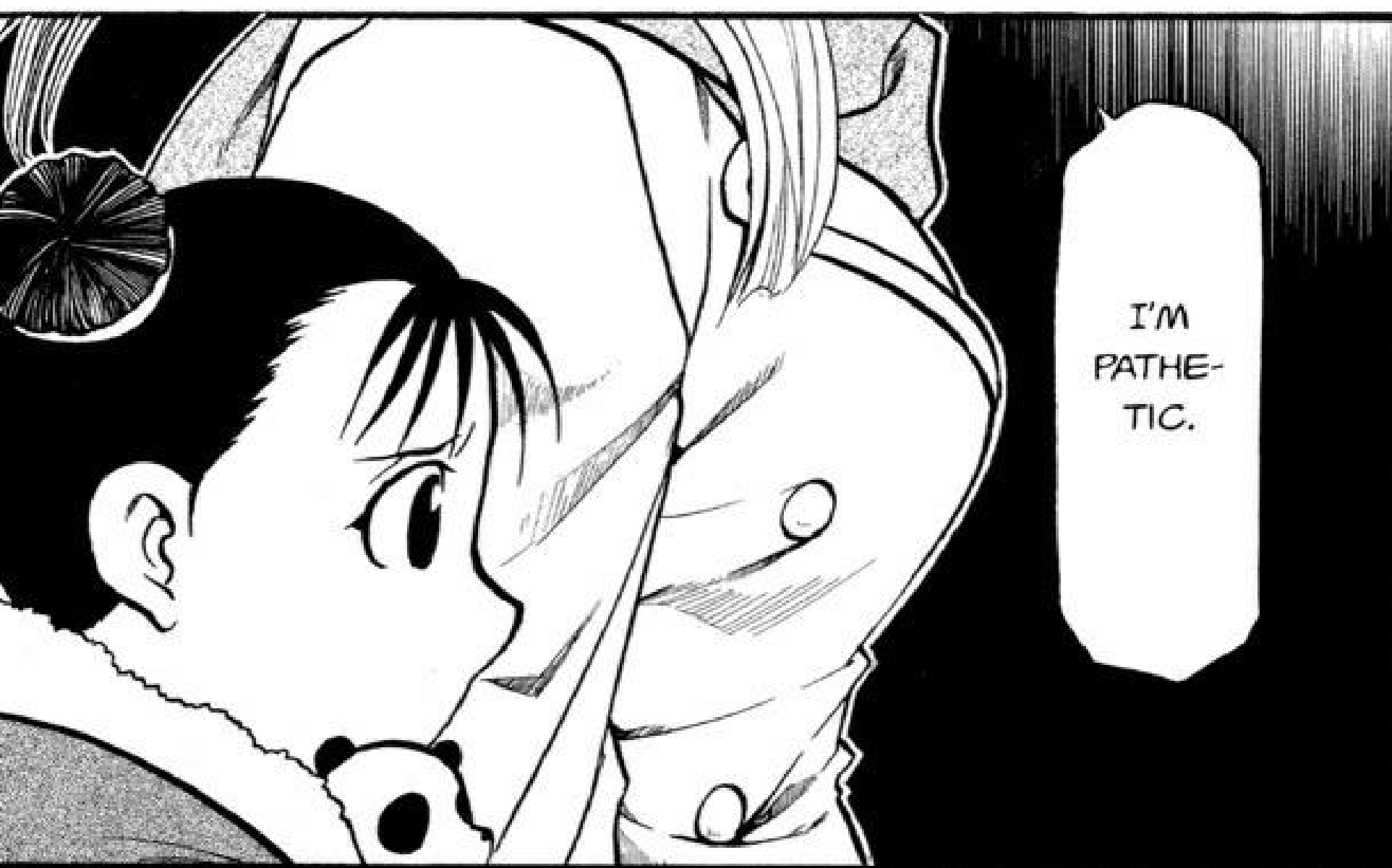
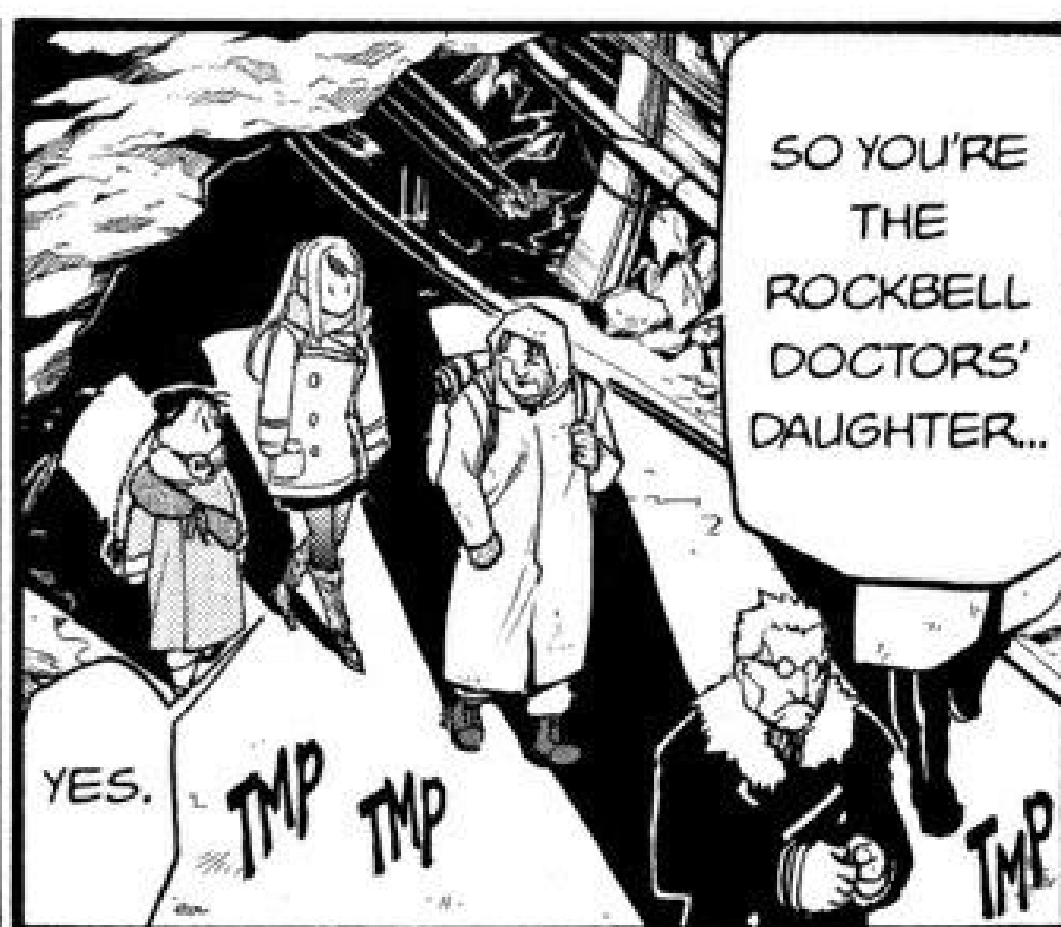
**KR
AS
HS**



**KLATTA
KRAK
BOOM**



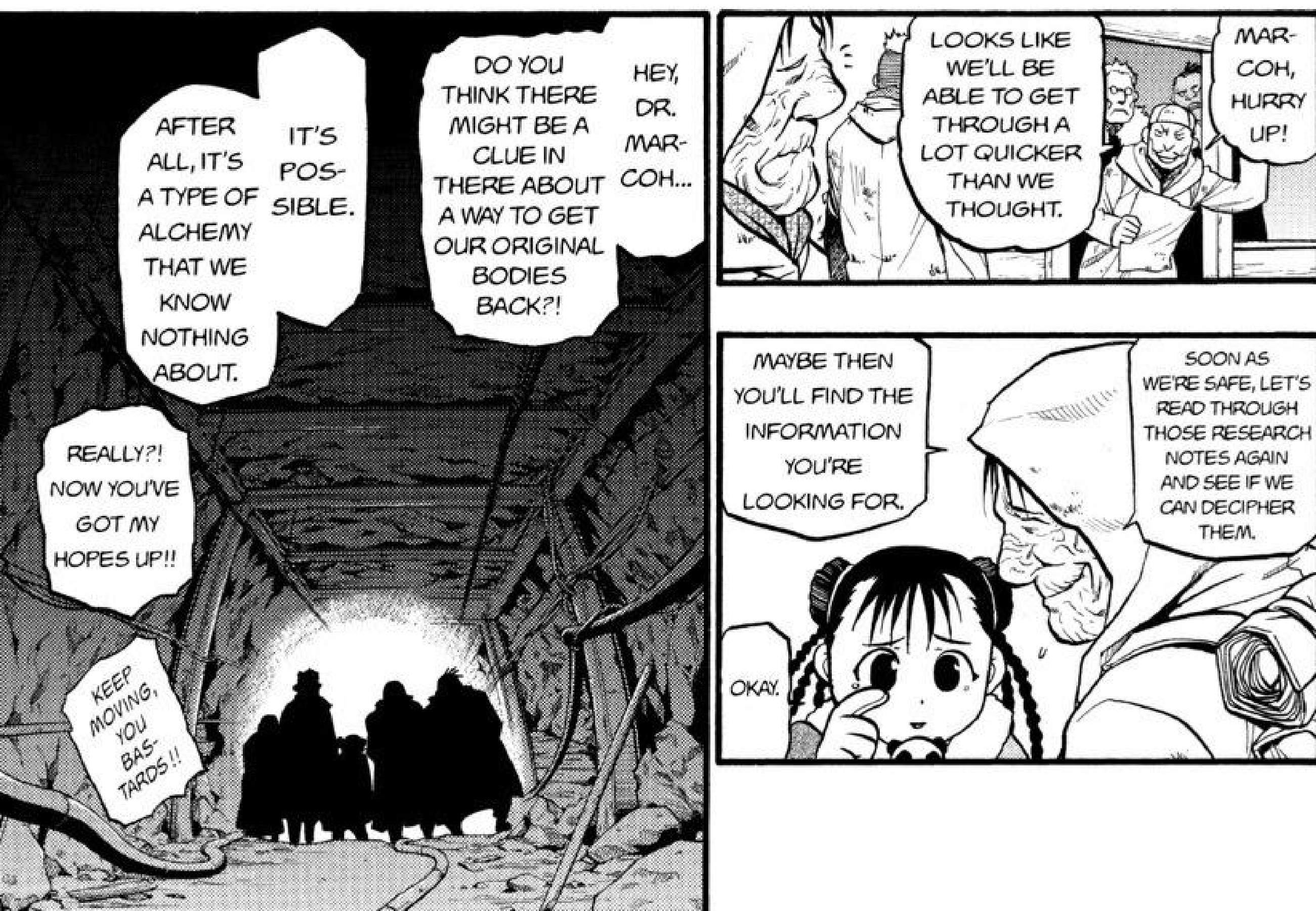






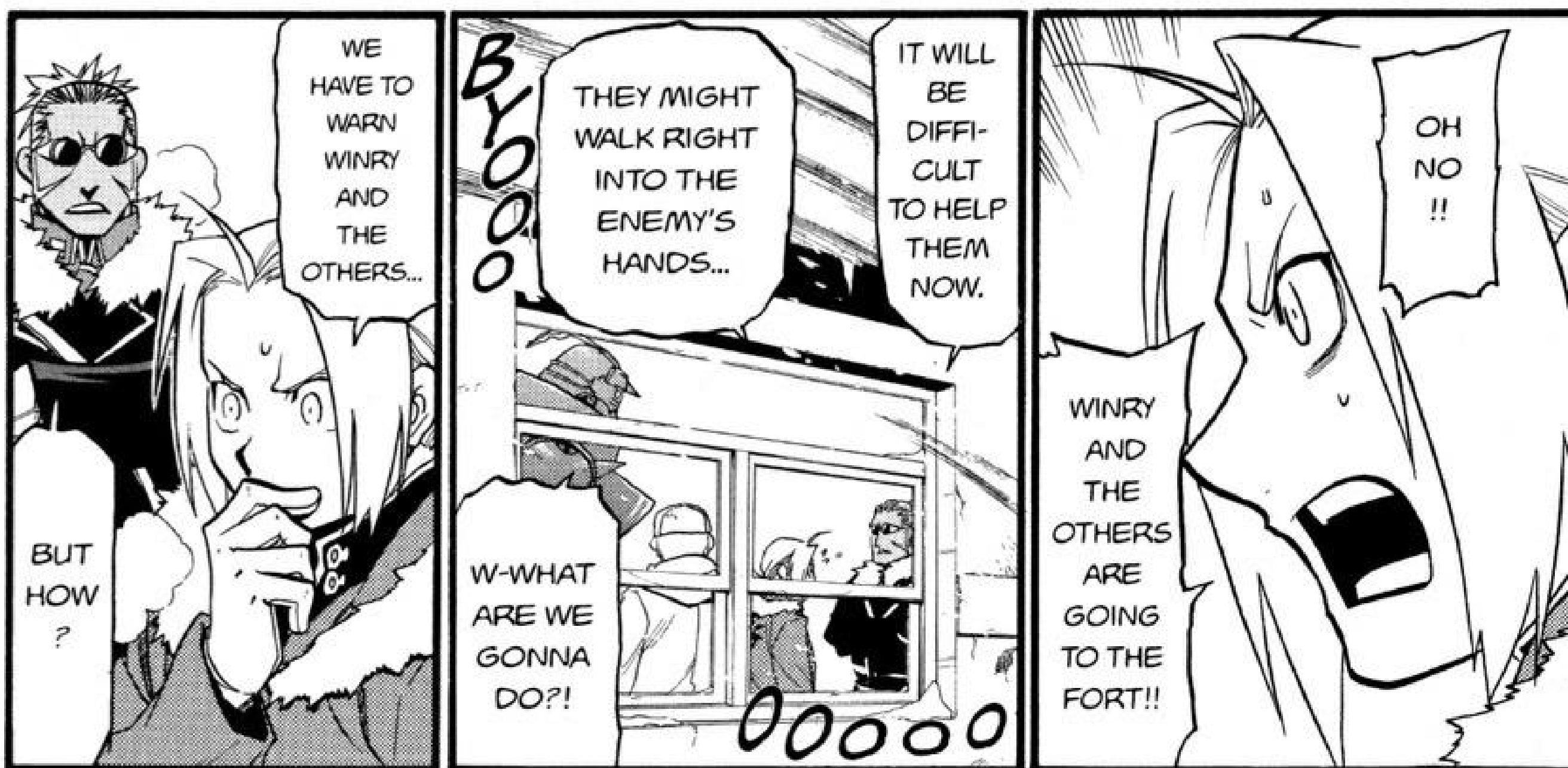
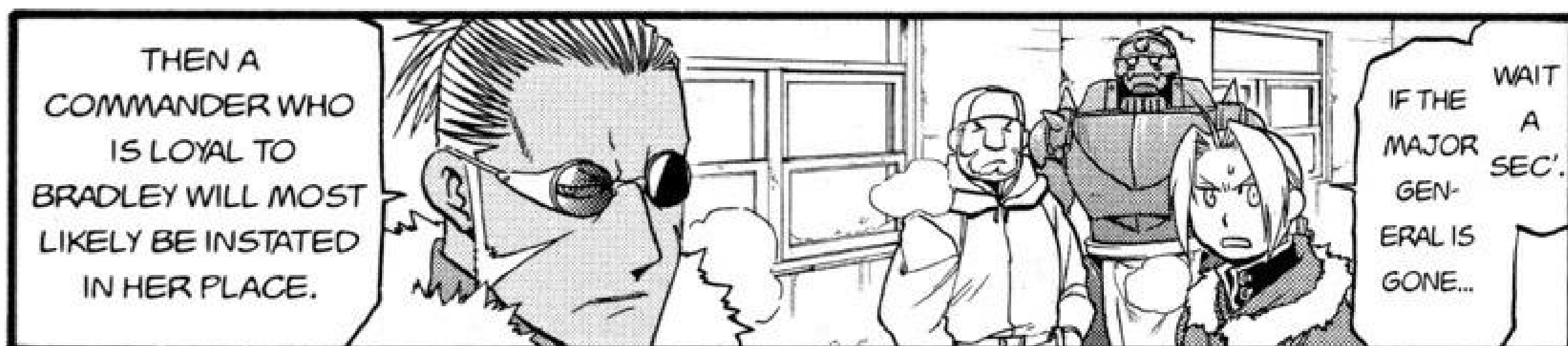
BACK IN MY COUNTRY, MY ENTIRE FAMILY IS WAITING FOR ME, BUT I CAN'T GO HOME EITHER.

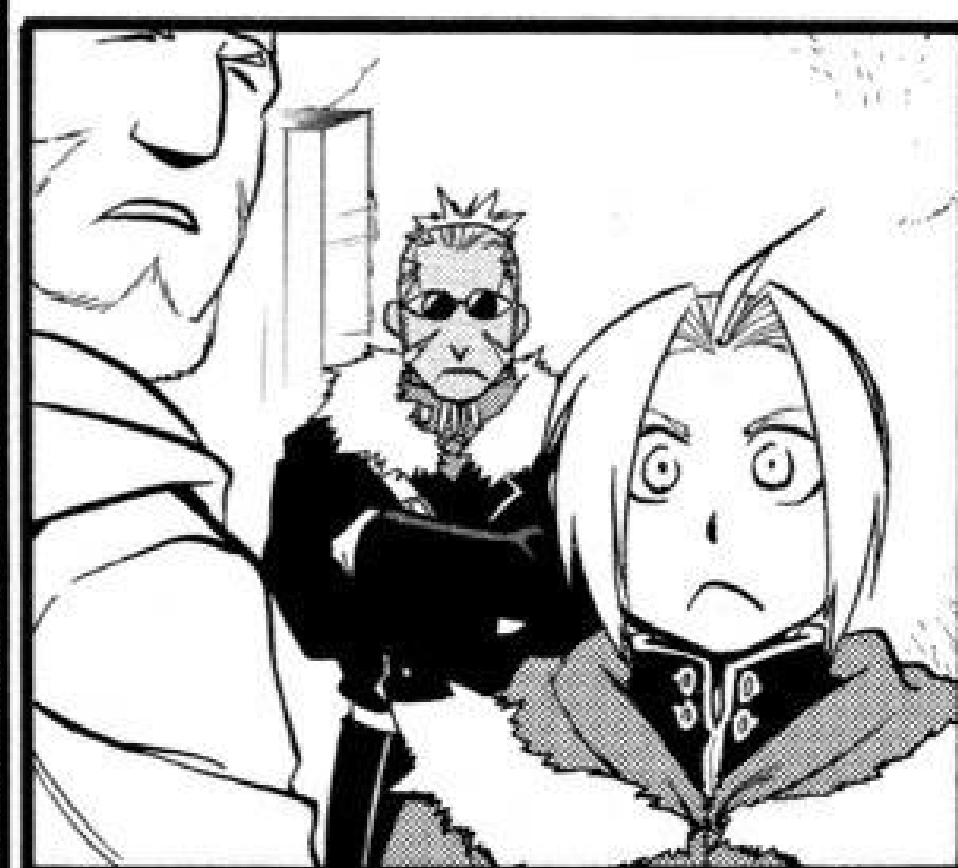














"WAIT UNTIL THERE'S
A LULL IN THE SNOW-
STORM. WHEN THE
WIND HAS DIED
DOWN, LOOK FOR
THE MILEPOST
AND MOVE
TOWARDS IT."

"WHATEVER
YOU DO,
DON'T LOSE
THE MAP
AND
COMPASS."

LET'S
SEE...



O O O O H

GEEZ,
THIS IS
TOUGH
!!

I
CAN'T
SEE
TEN
FEET IN
FRONT
OF ME!

KZOK



AAAH
!!

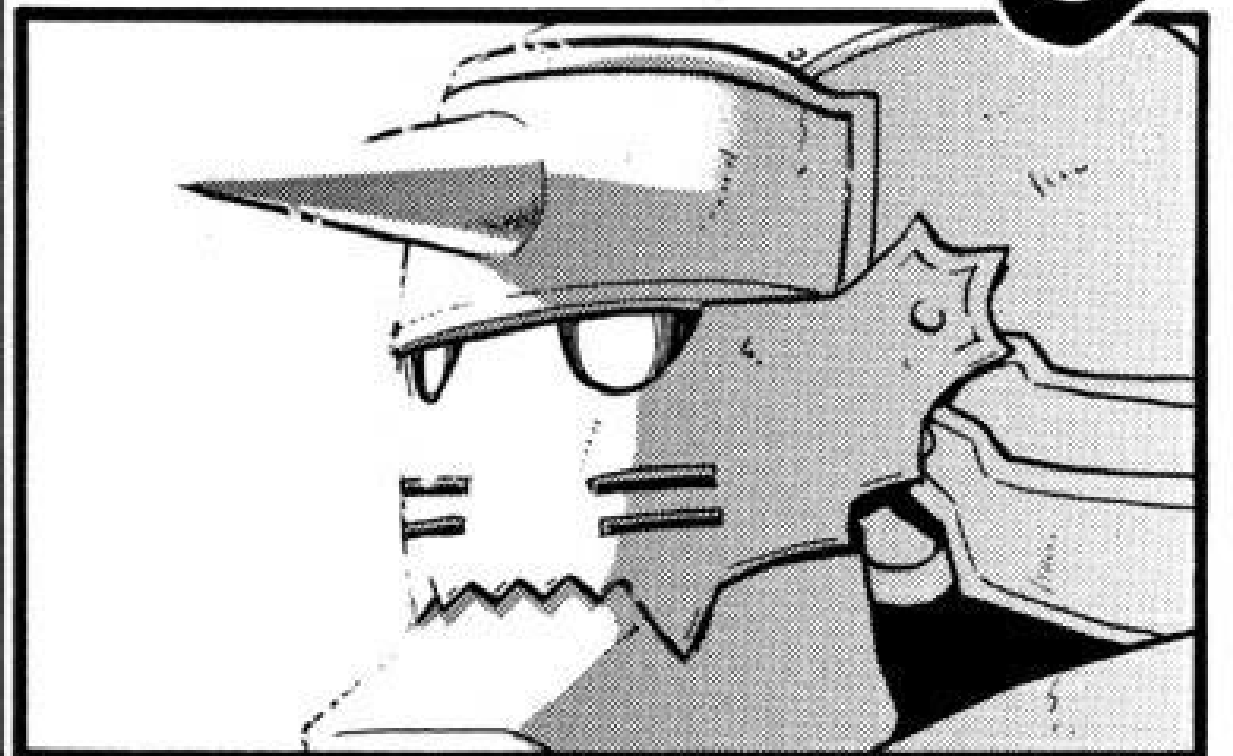
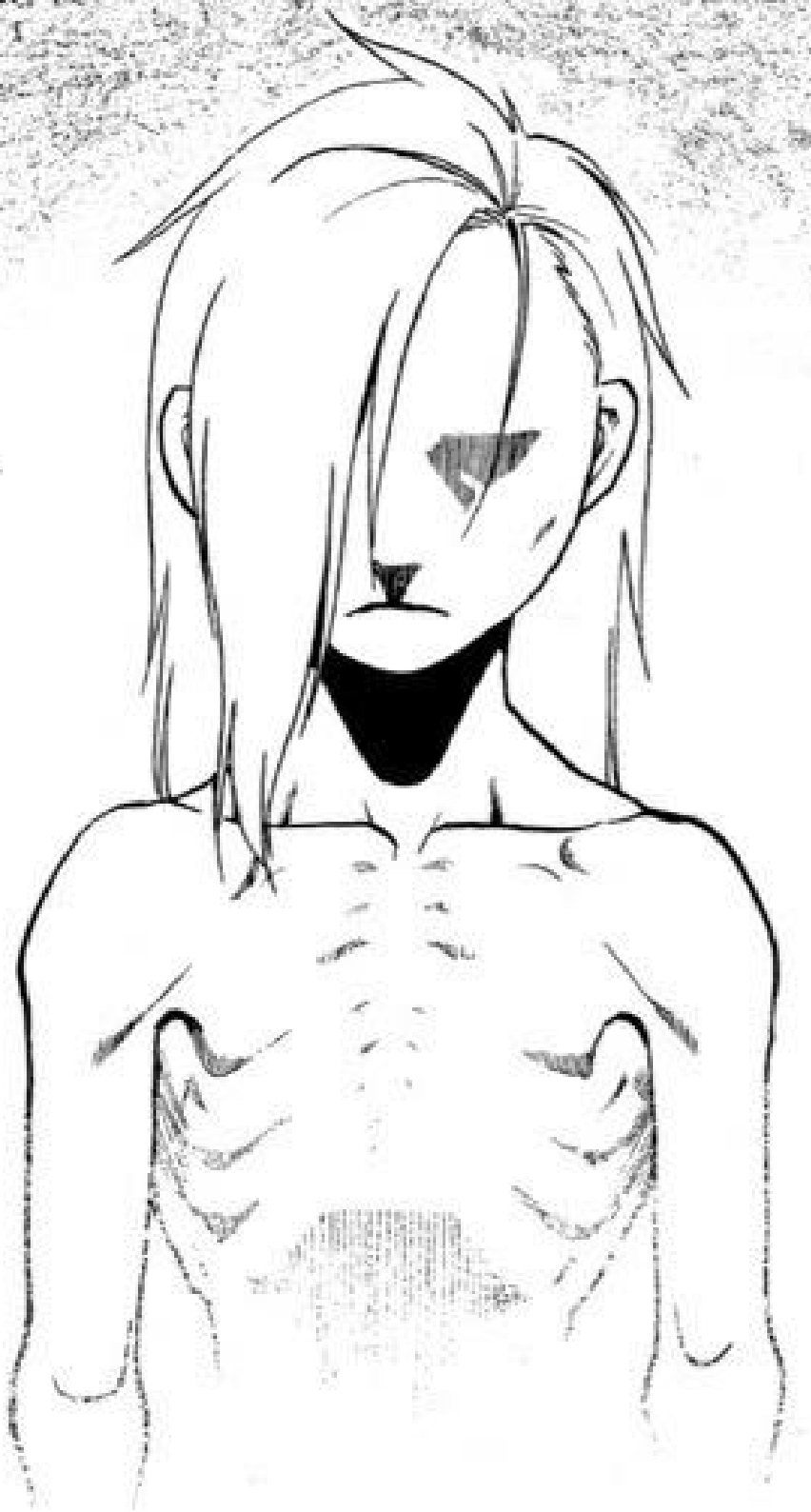
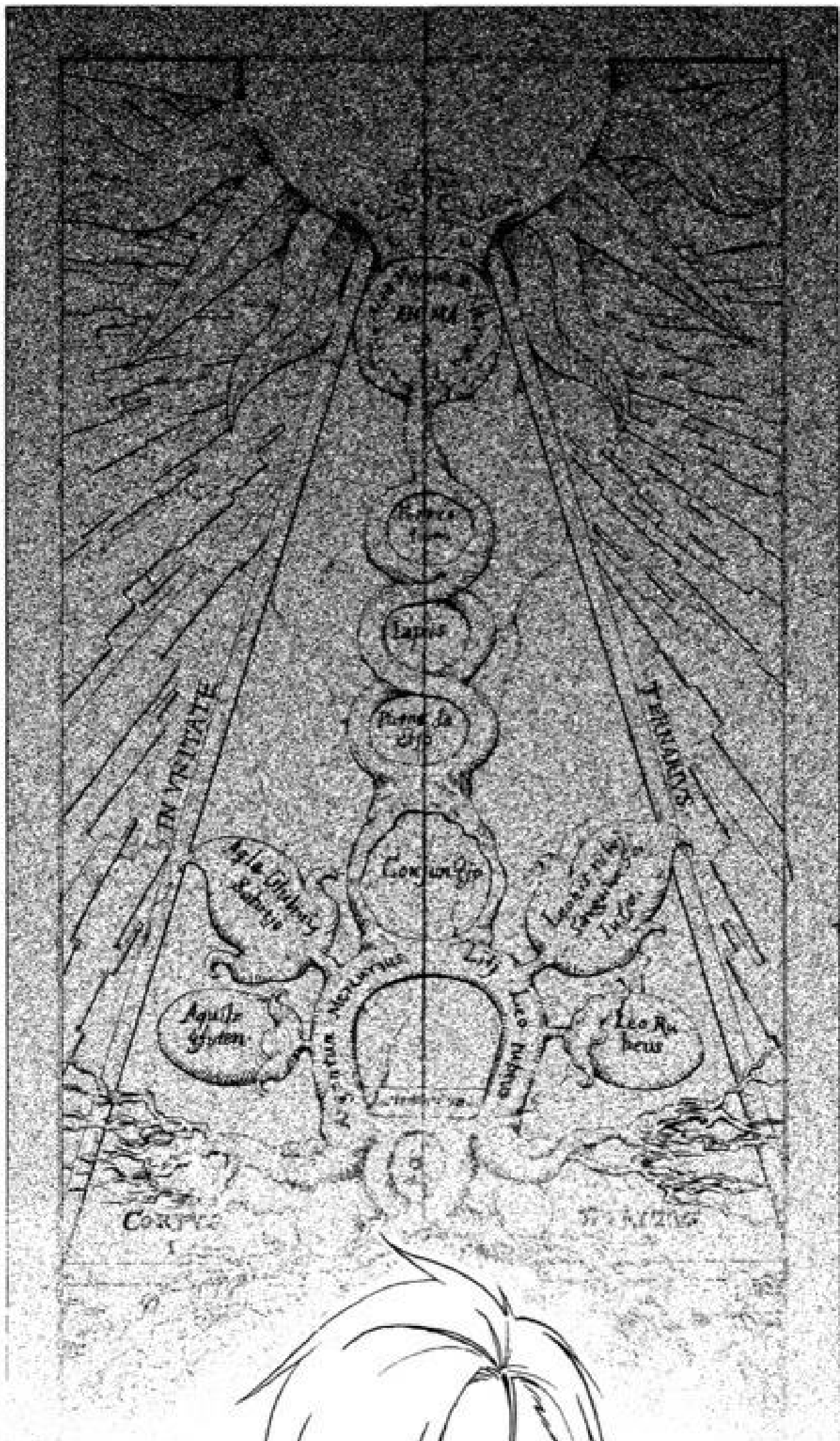


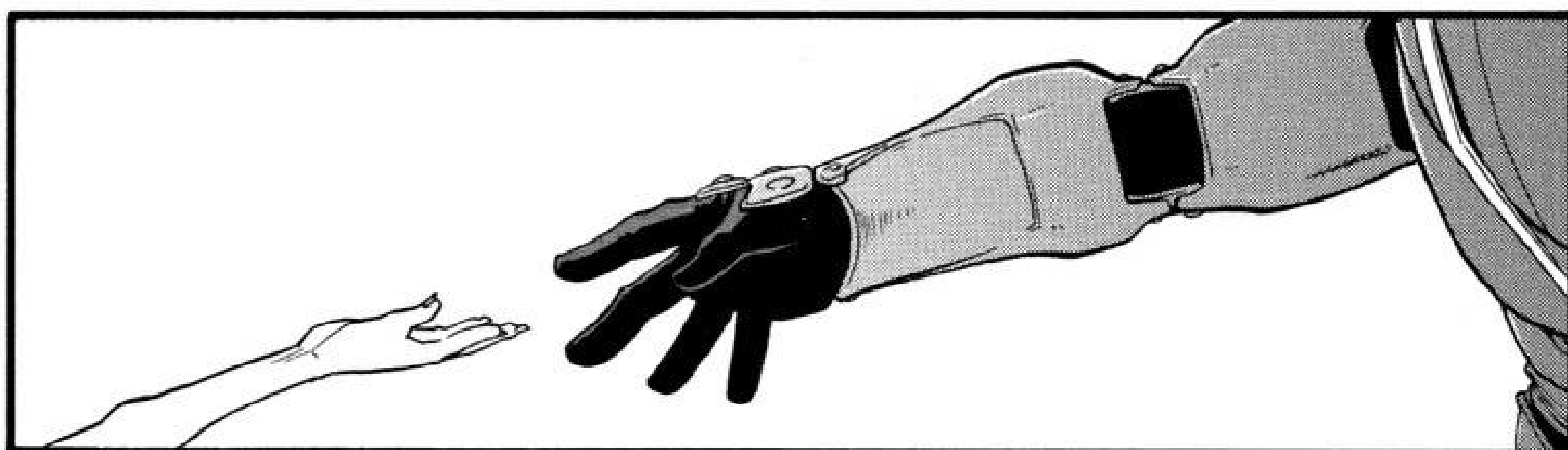
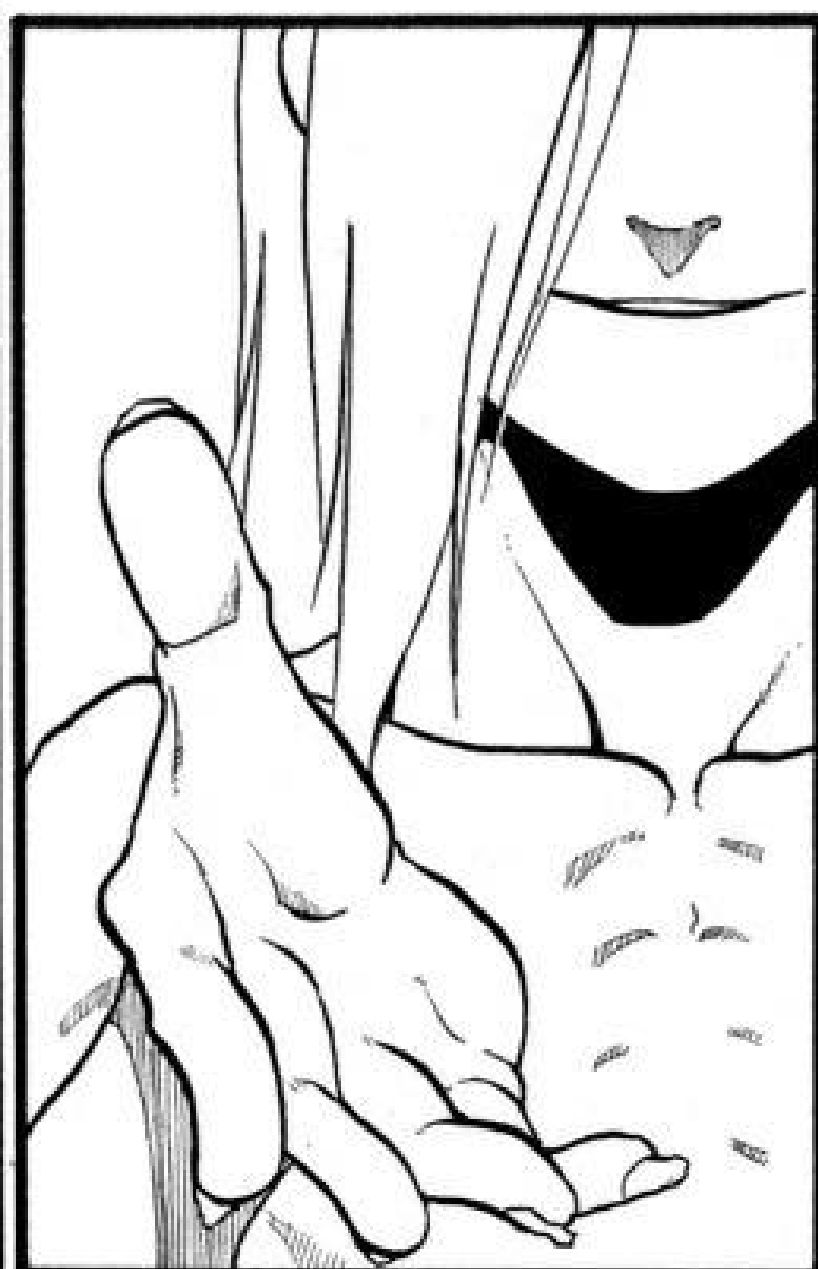
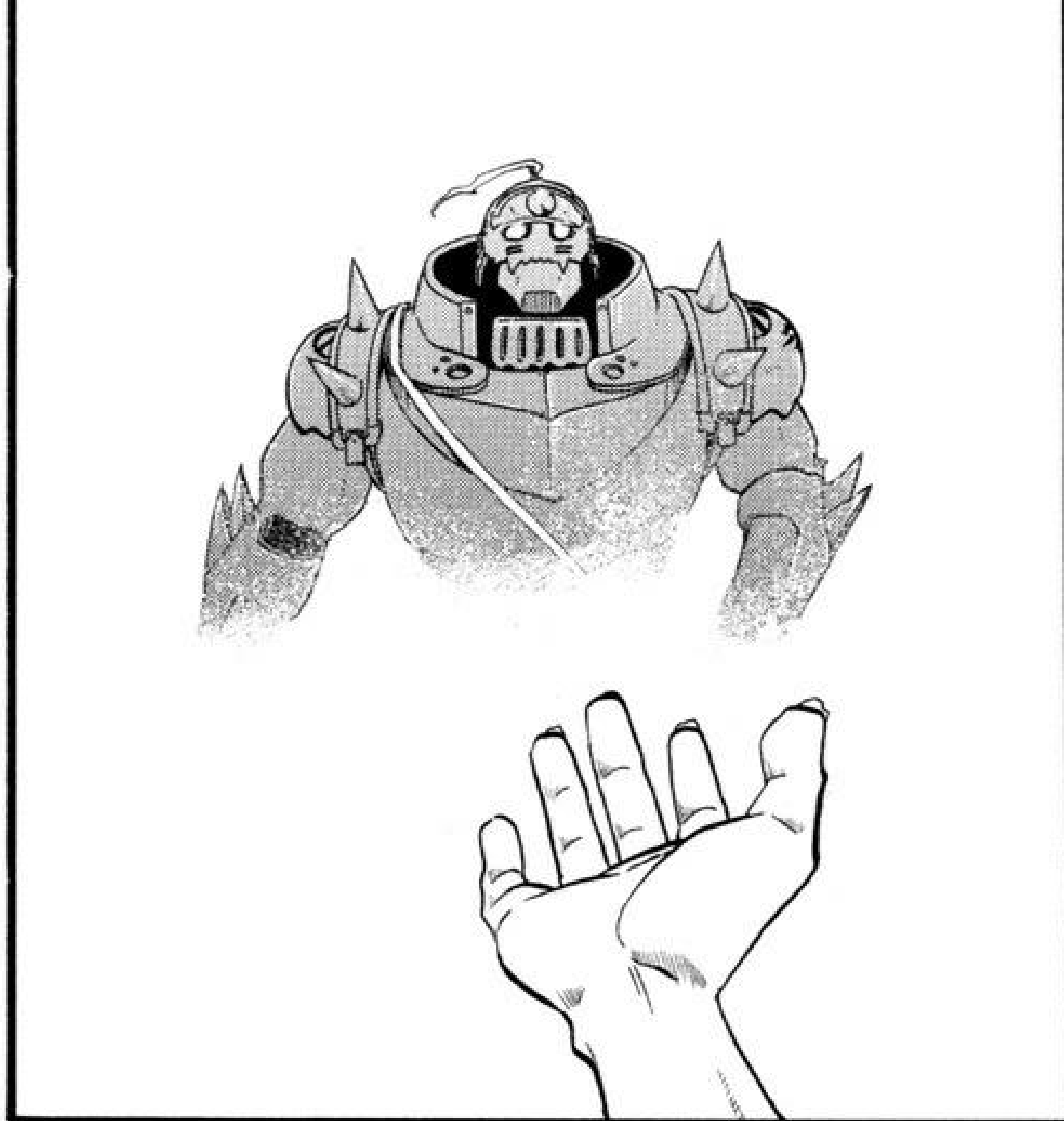
THERE
IT
IS!

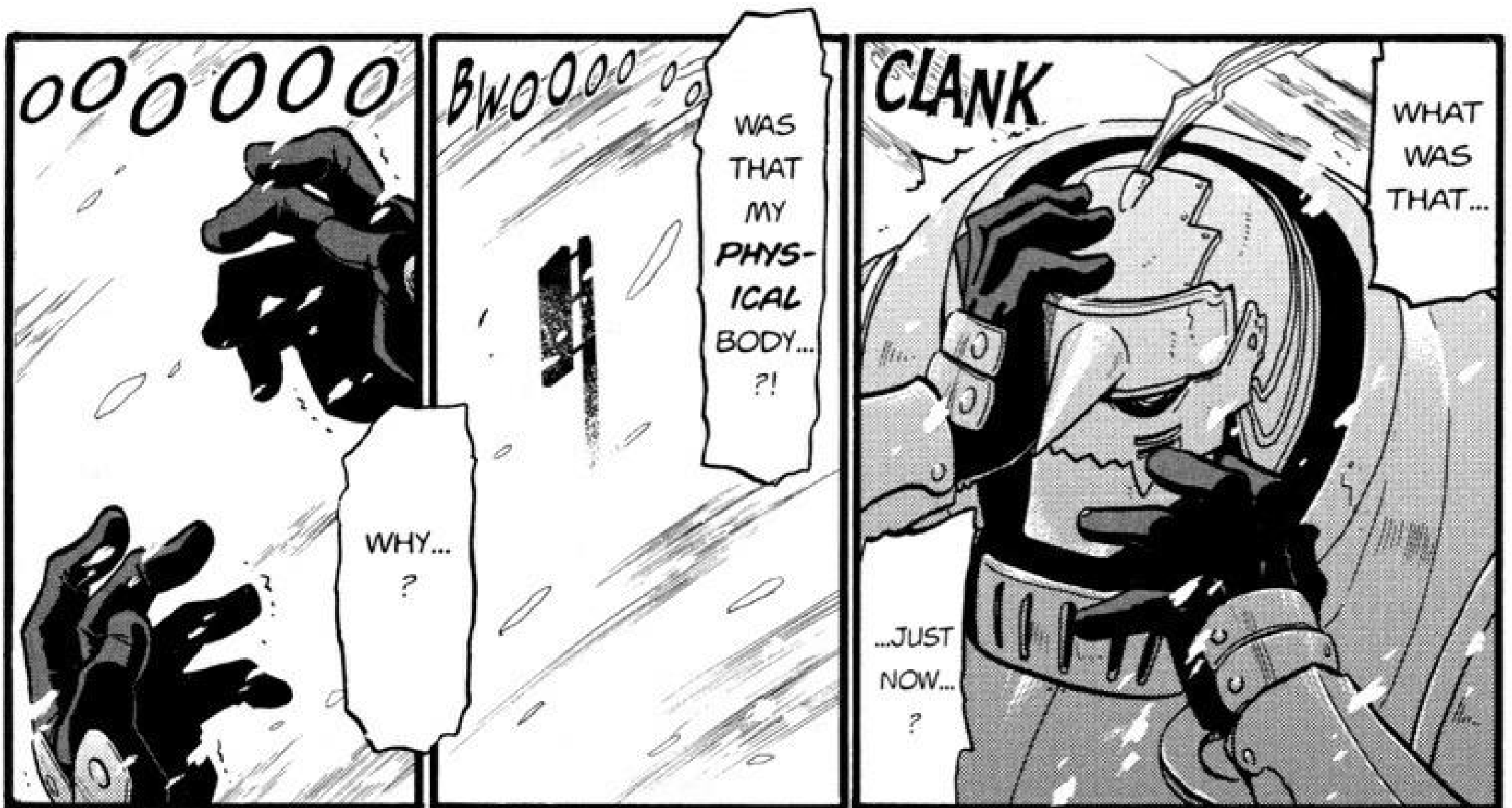
MILE-
POST
NUM-
BER
!!



WHEN YOU
CAN'T SEE
THE MILEPOST,
STAY PUT
UNTIL YOU
CAN.









GET
A
HOLD
OF...



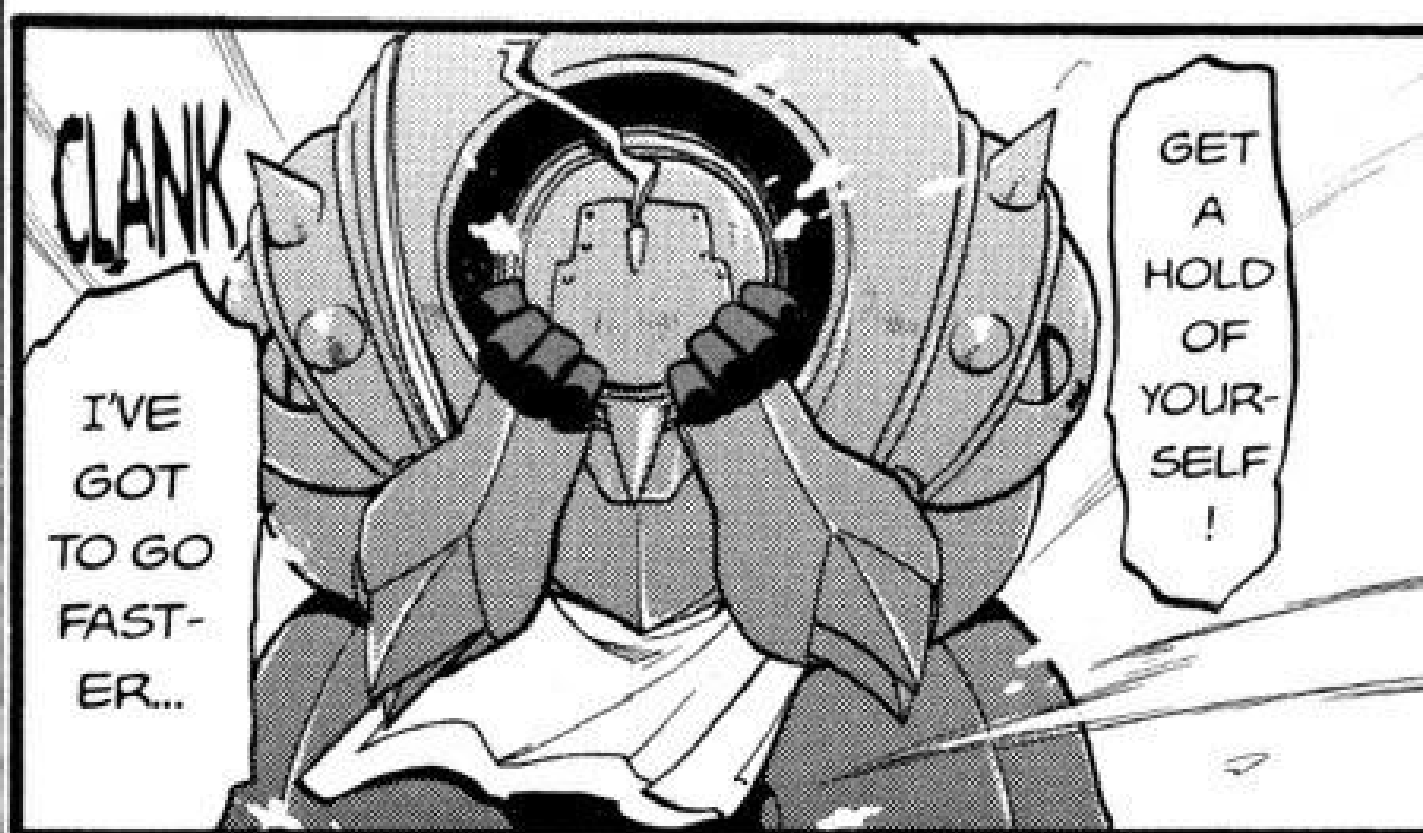
...IS
PULLING
MY
SOUL
TOWARDS
IT...?

MY
PHYS-
ICAL
BODY...



...SO
IT'S
BEING
RE-
JECTED.

NORMALLY,
THIS
BODY
WOULDN'T
HAVE A
SOUL
INSIDE
IT...



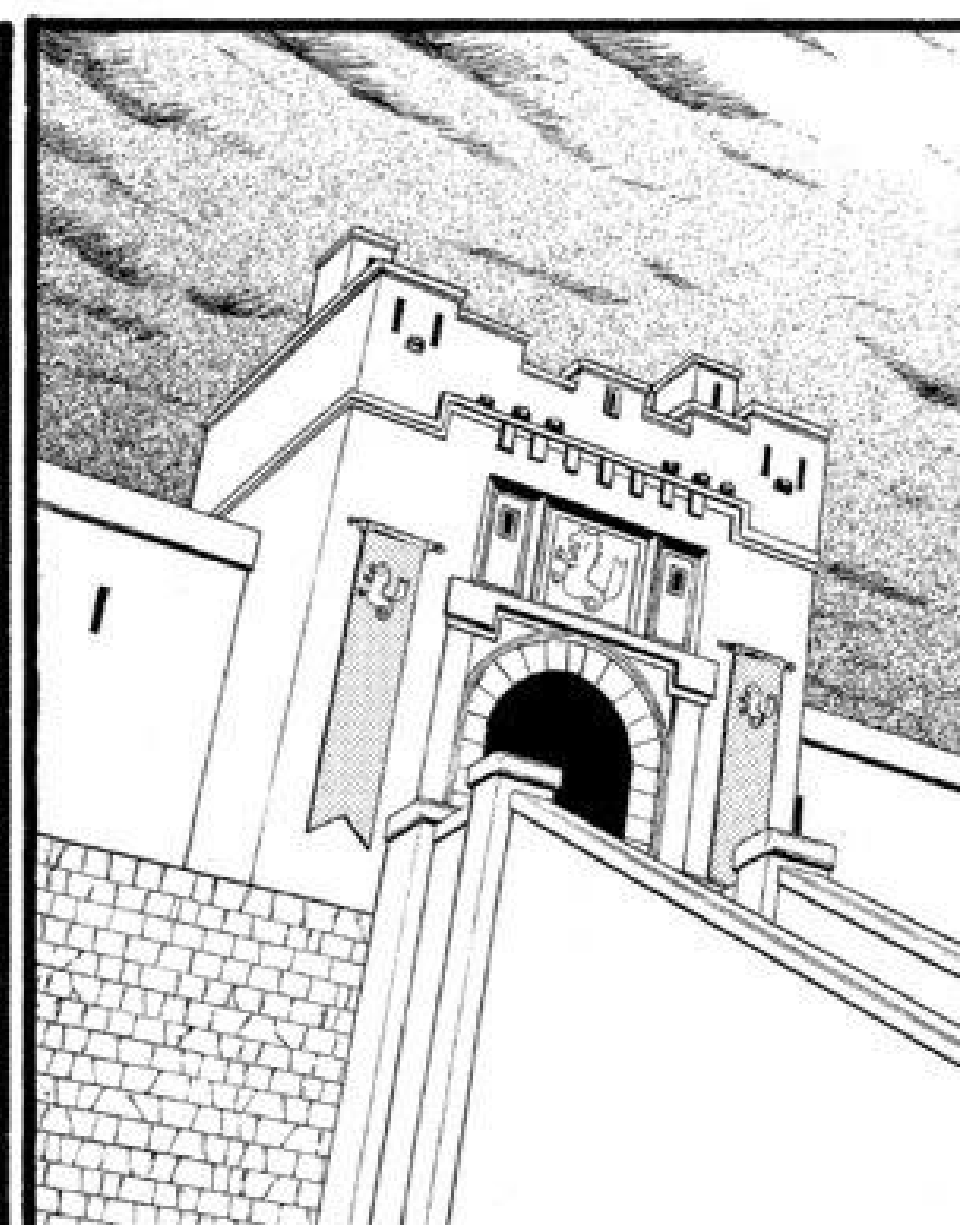
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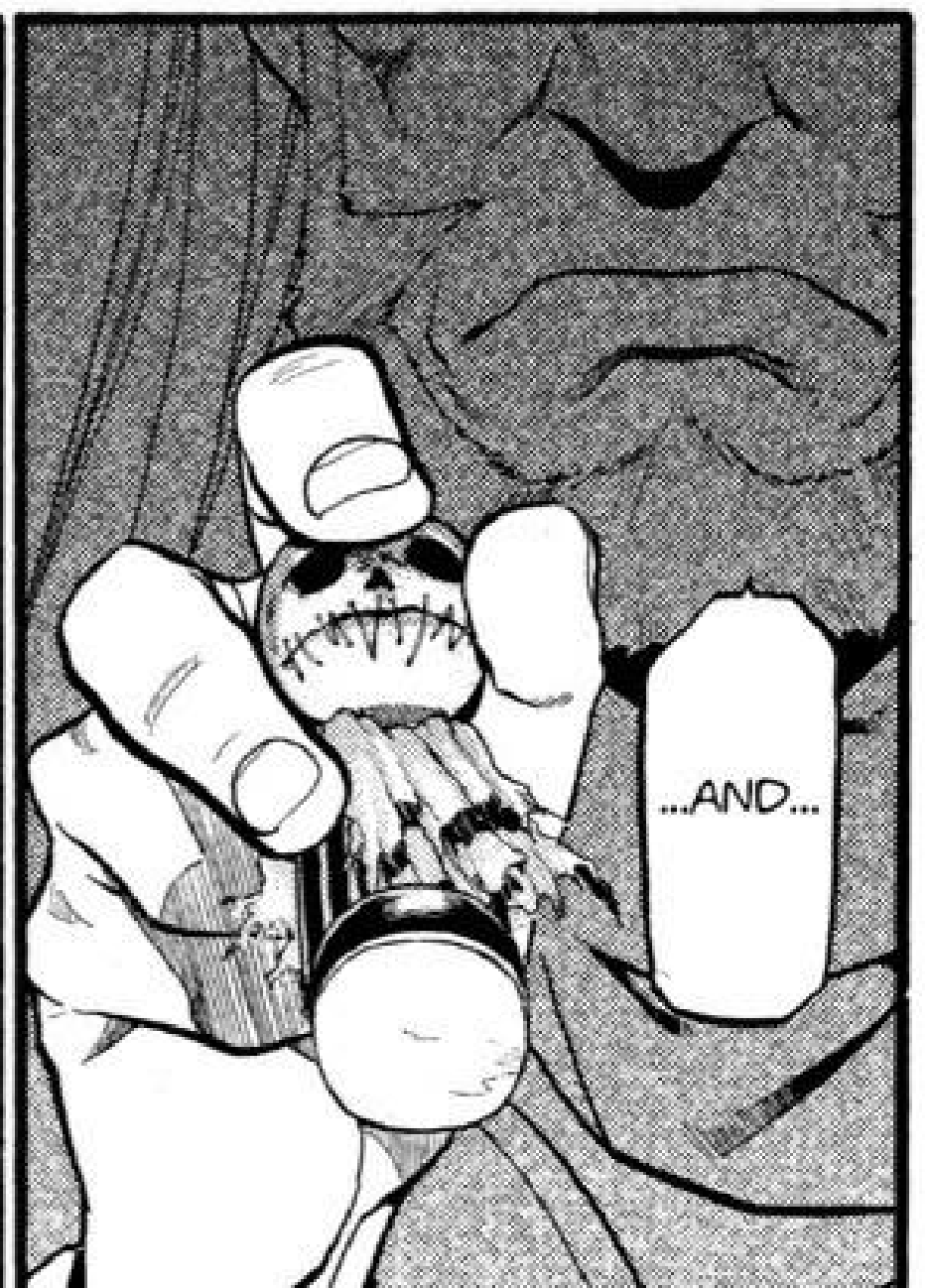
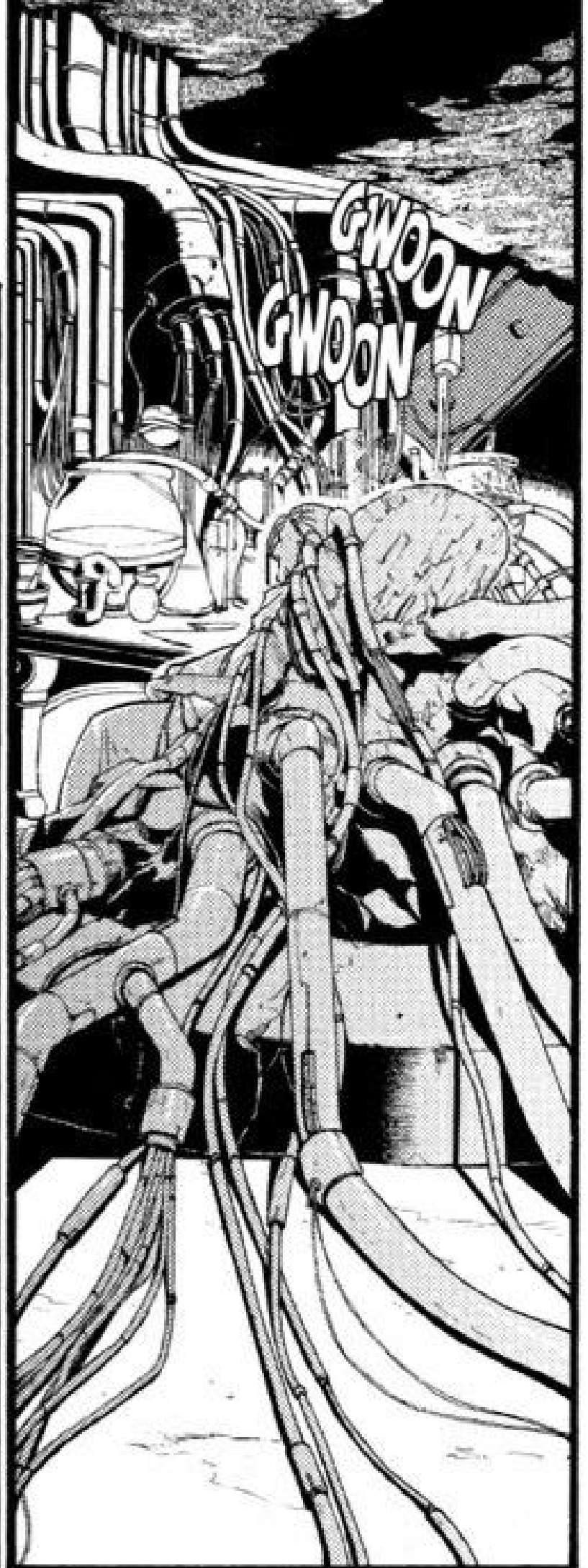
I'VE
GOT
TO GO
FAST-
ER...

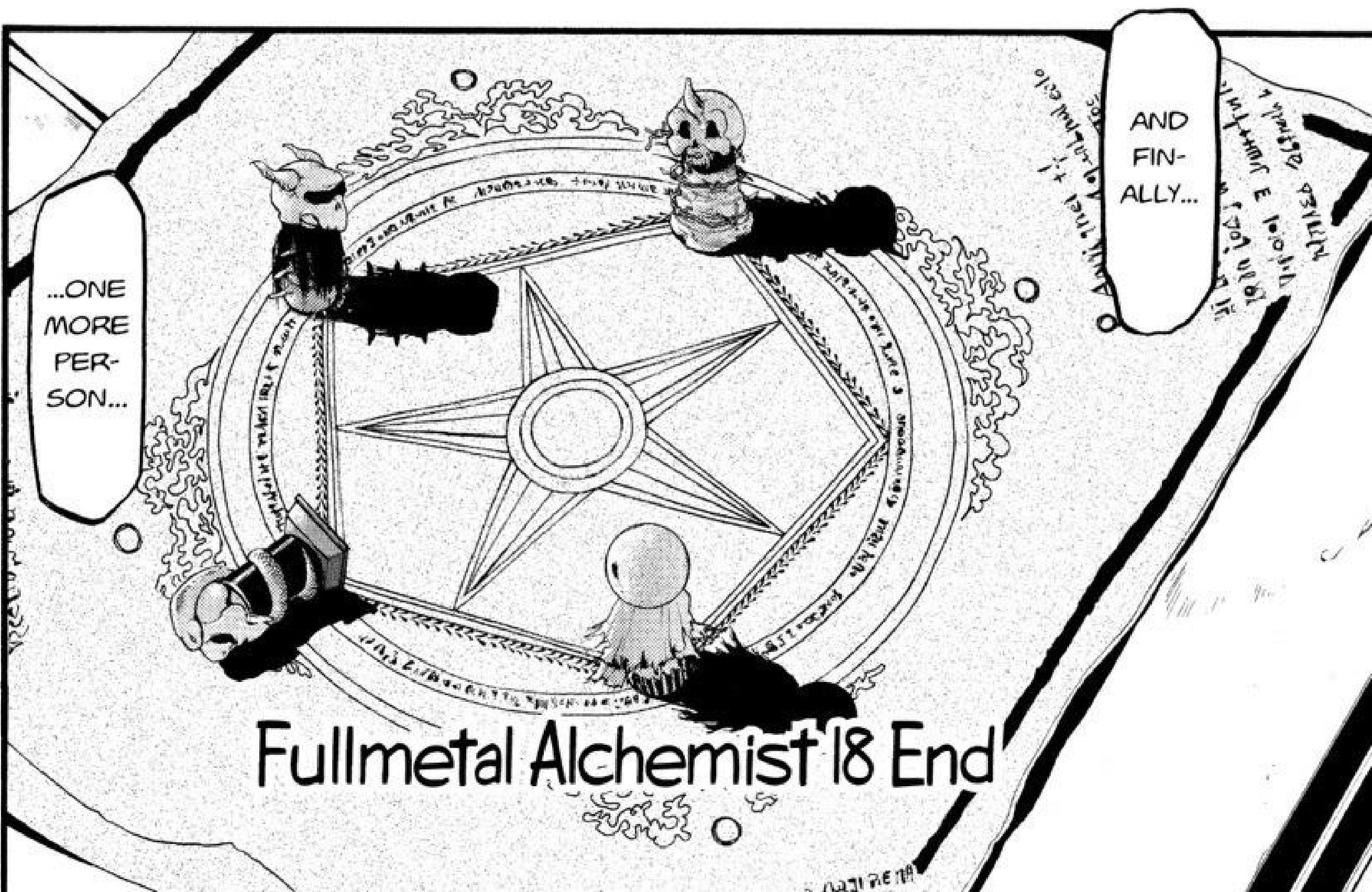
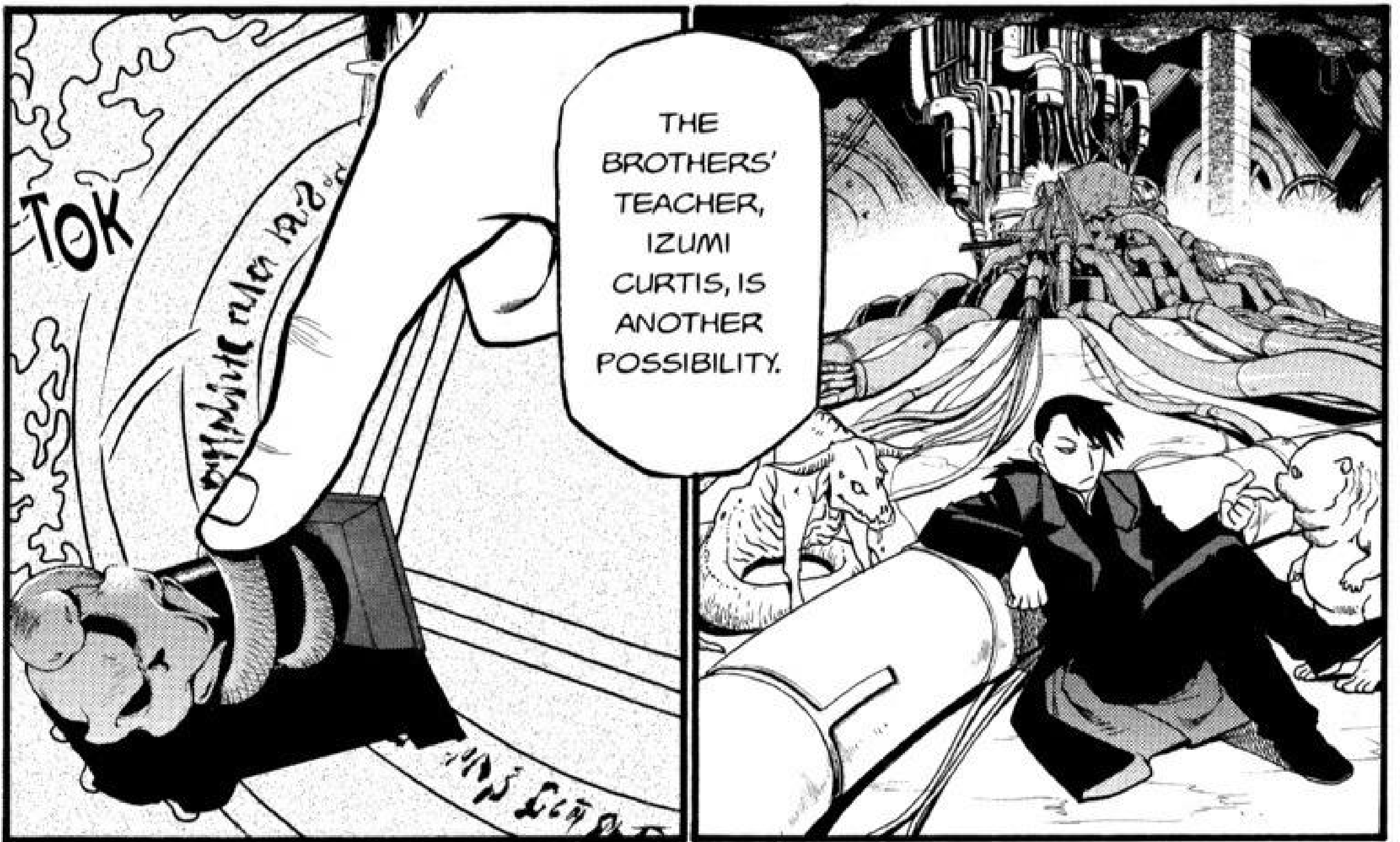
GET
A
HOLD
OF
YOUR-
SELF
!



GWOON
GWOON







FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST 18

SPECIAL THANKS to:

JUN TOHKO
 ANYABALL
 NONO
 MASASHI MIZUTANI
 COUPON
 NORIKO TSUBOTA
 HARUHI NAKAMURA
 MICHIKO SHISHIDO
 MASANARI YUZUKA sensei
 Editor YUICHI SHIMOMURA

AND YOU!!

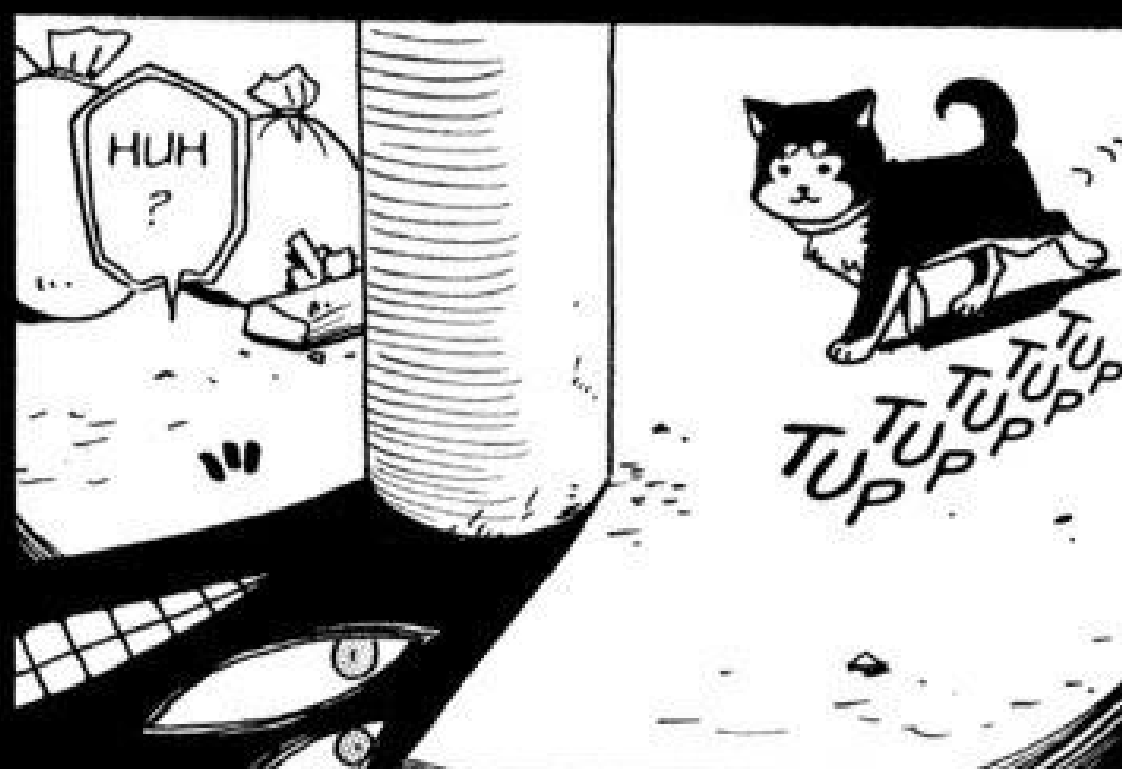


I HAVE
THIS IDEA
THAT
CHARACTERS
IN WHITE
SUITS ARE ALL
WEIRDOES.

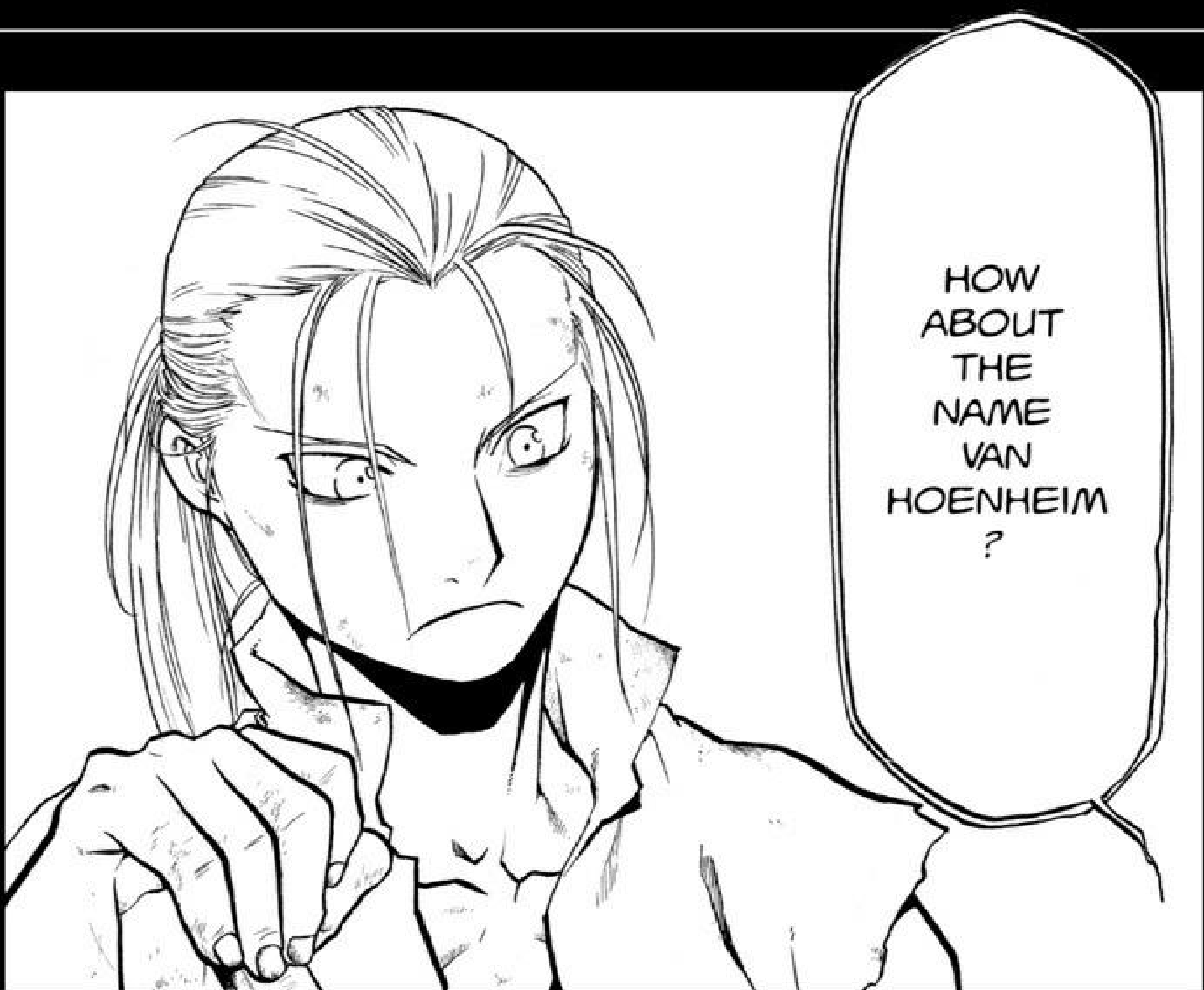


I
WONDER
WHY?

BAYATE THE FAITHFUL DOG



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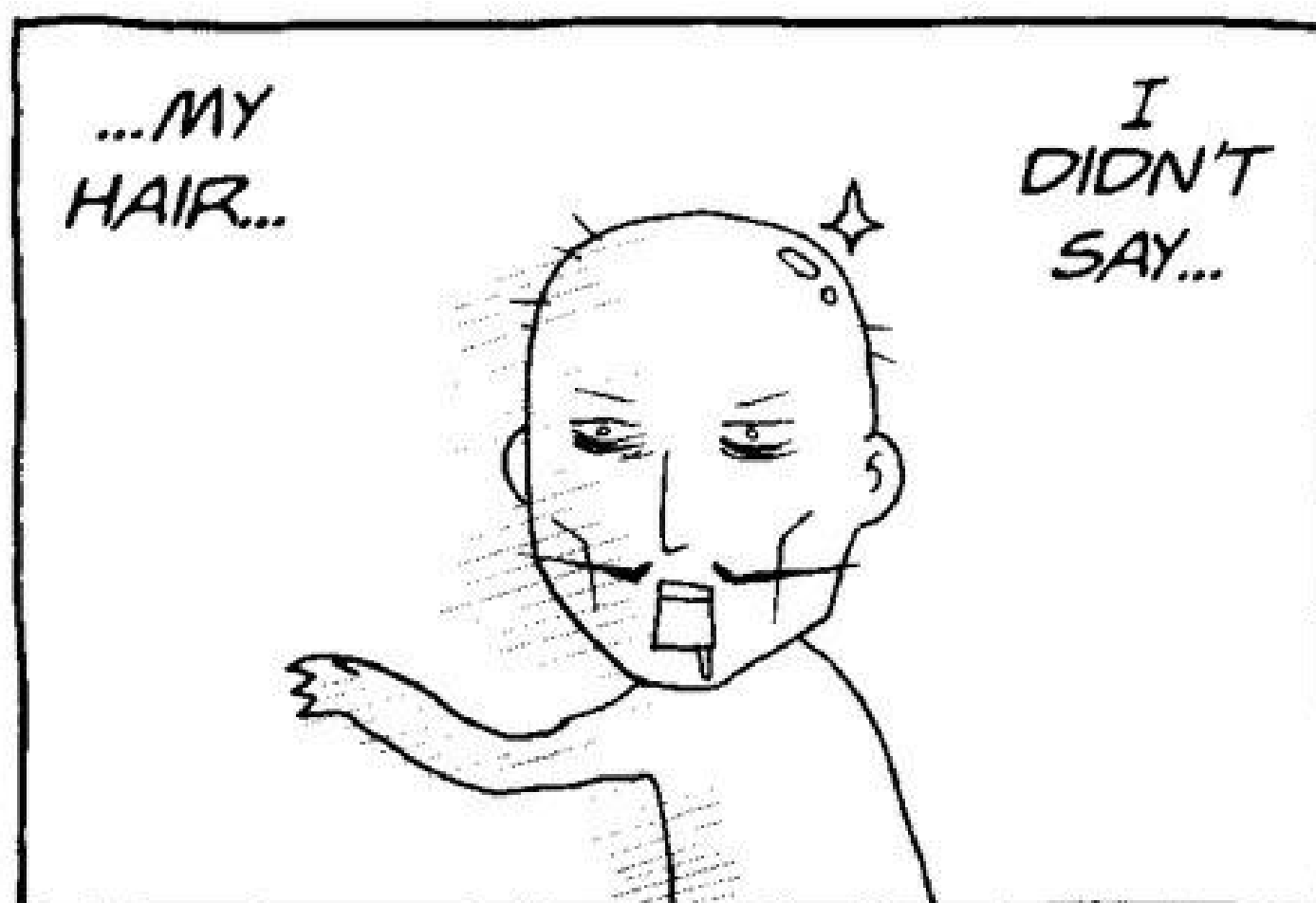
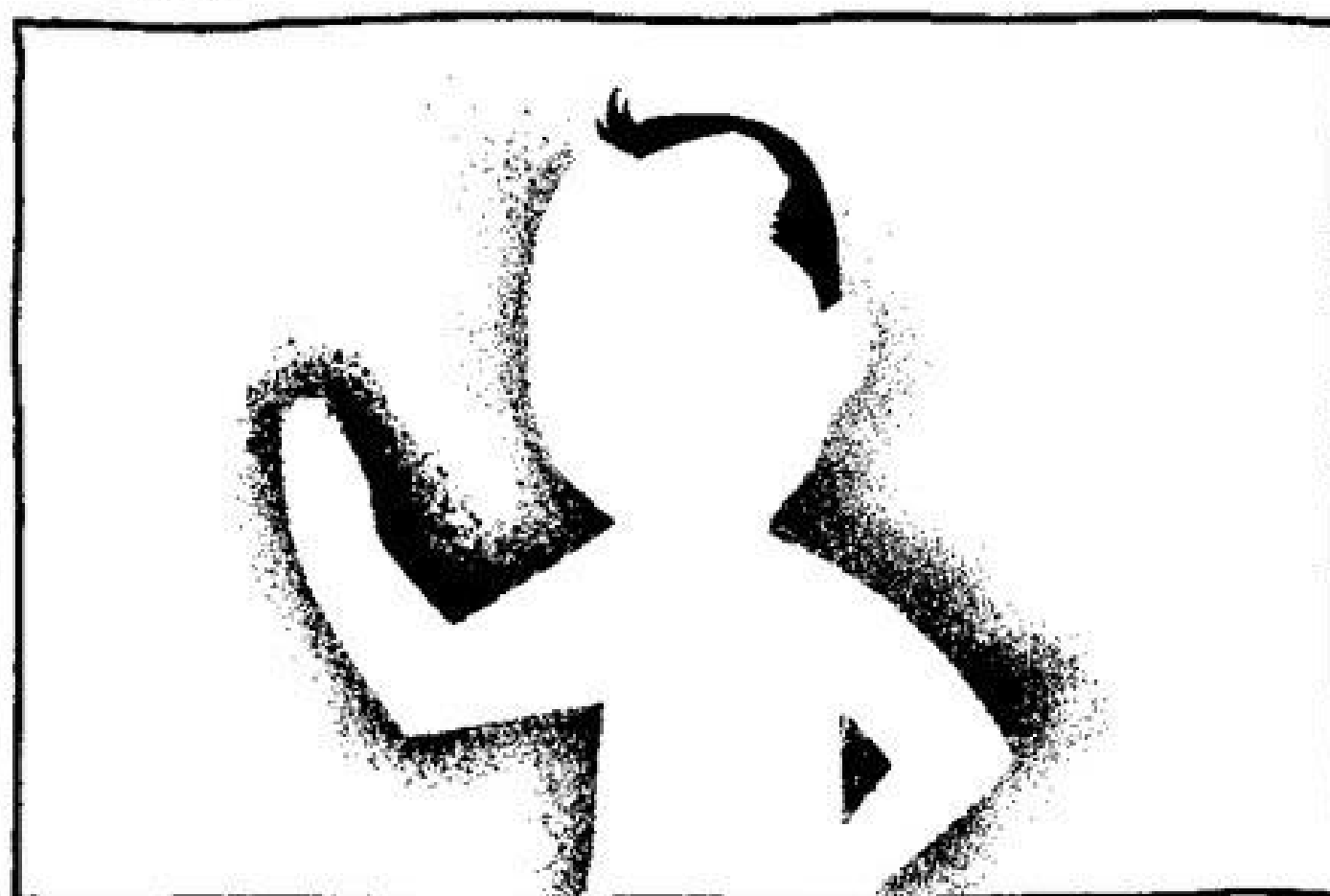
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